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EX.-PREMIER WON OVER

SUPPORTS UNITED EMPIRE PARTY

"A GREAT POLICY"

TORIES TO SUPPORT FREE TRADE

London, Yesterday.

"Baldwin adopts United Empire Party's Policy," is the Evening News heading. "Tory Leader Ignores New Party" is the Star heading. These sufficiently describe the varying interpretations of Mr. Stanley Baldwin's speech, but Lord Beaverbrook, in a letter to Mr. P. J. H. Hannon, M.P., chairman of the meeting of the Central Chamber of Agriculture, regrets his inability to attend in consequence of Mr. Baldwin's "momentous announcement of altering the political outlook almost to the point of transformation, necessitating me consulting my colleagues." Mr. Hannon, before reading the letter, announced that the whole forces of the United Empire Party would support "the great forward, uplifting policy announced by Mr. Baldwin this morning."

Lord Beaverbrook's and Lord Rothermere's acceptance of Mr. Baldwin's policy was indicated by Lord Elibank in a speech at the Central Chamber of Agriculture. He said that Mr. Baldwin's policy in a large measure met the views of the Party which Lord Beaverbrook had inaugurated. Therefore, Lord Beaverbrook and his colleagues would be prepared to accept that policy loyally and in the spirit of determination and carry it out.

Lord Beaverbrook has issued a statement declaring that Mr. Baldwin's statement is perfectly satisfactory and amounts to an acceptance of the main purpose of the Empire crusade. He has no doubt that Conservatives generally will accept Mr. Baldwin's lead, so the crusade will be saved the enormous expense of opposing them in the constituencies, but the United Empire Party must work harder than ever to arouse the country and the Empire to the whole-hearted support of the Empire free trade policy.—Reuter.

Commons and Tariff Truce

Rugby, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, former President of the Board of Trade, initiated a debate on the subject of a Tariff Truce Conference. He said if the convention went through every single one of our competitors could for the whole period of the convention maintain their duties exactly where they had them to-day and, in exceptions, to raise them in certain circumstances, as this country would be absolutely bound not to put up duty in any circumstances. Mr. W. Graham, President of the Board of Trade, in reply said that a large part of the attack against the truce had been due to the mistaken notion that it was proposed to stabilise tariffs for a period of two or three years at their present level. The idea was that there should be an effort to arrest the upward movement of tariffs and then have a systematic investigation of the proporsals that could be made for their reduction on which he dealt at some length with the proposed draft of the convention, and admitted it was not easy to define fiscal duties, and that exceptions were also presenting difficulties. He could say but little more while the conference was still sitting.

"Not Practical"

Mr. Graham said he did not dispute that the Dominions had indicated that they could not be parties to the discussion, but he did not believe that the idea of the British Empire as a self contained economic unit was a practical proposition within the Empire, provided it was based on mutual efforts to get rid of restrictions and not increase them.—British Wireless Service.

Conservatives Agree

London, Yesterday.

The General Council of the Conservative Association's resolution, urging "an immediate, continuous campaign in favour of the adoption of tariffs to protect industries and agriculture in Great Britain and the workers therein, with Empire free trade as the ultimate aim," led to a considerable discussion. Finally, the amendment was carried by deleting the words "and agriculture." The resolution was carried by a small majority urging the leaders of the party to formulate immediately the agreed policy of a scientific tariff and Empire development, and a resolution demanding a wider programme of safeguarding as the principal item of the party programme at the next general election was unanimously carried.—Reuter.

MURDER & WOUNDING ACTS?

DEFENCE'S OBJECTION IN PIRACY TRIAL

SHIP'S MODEL IN COURT

An important issue was raised by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., this morning at the Supreme Court before his Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, when the two Chinese alleged to have participated in the piratical attack on the s.s. Haiching were indicted on charges of murder and wounding an Indian guard.

Mr. Alabaster, who is appearing for the defence on the instructions of Mr. A. el Arculli, said that he had an objection to make before the prisoners were asked to plead. His objection was against the indictment, on the ground that the murder and wounding acts could not be taken together. He referred his Lordship to an authority which, he claimed, supported his contention that charges of that nature could not be joined together.

His Lordship, after referring to the authority quoted, asked Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Crown Attorney, what he had to say.

Counsel for the prosecution said that the case before his Lordship differed from the one quoted by Mr. Alabaster in so much that the circumstances of the present case were the same. He had carefully considered the charges before framing them, but if his Lordship agreed with Mr. Alabaster, only the first count might be proceeded with.

His Lordship thought that they might proceed with the first count.

Plea of Not Guilty

The two prisoners, Lam Hing and Lam Ming, were then charged with the murder of Khial Singh, an Indian guard, on board the Haiching on December 8. They pleaded "Not Guilty."

The jury empanelled were: Messrs. K. Bitzer (foreman), O. Ismail, L. A. Osmund, W. K. Kwong, W. F. Grant, A. Mackenzie, and J. A. da Luz.

A large number of plans and photographs, together with a model of the ship, were used by Mr. Fitzroy in explaining the various lay-outs of the vessel to the jury. After having thoroughly explained the parts of the ship, he outlined the case against the prisoners. He said that the Haiching was a British steamer, registered in Hong Kong. She was on the Foochow and Hong Kong run.

Launch of Attack

The ship left Swatow on the afternoon of December 17, and when she got to a point known as Chiilang Point, which was about 70 miles from Hong Kong, and about 50 miles to the notorious Bias Bay, the attack was launched. The first indication that there was something wrong was when a cook saw four or men in the stokehold. It was about 1 a.m. Later the firing of revolver shots were heard, and the attack had began.

Counsel then proceeded to give a description of how some of the pirates had found themselves into the engine-room where Mr. de Mello was on watch. Among the men there, Mr. de Mello would say that he recognised the second prisoner. An Indian guard would be called to say that the second prisoner later found his way into the guards' cabin and there he remained for several hours in an unconscious state.

Mr. Fitzroy then went on to describe how the pirates had asked to be shown where the kerosene was kept, and that after their first attack had been repulsed they set fire to the ship.

Witness were then called.

The case is proceeding.

REBELLION IN MANILA

14,000 STUDENTS START RIOTS

POLICE BEATEN

PHILIPPINES FULL OF COMMUNISM

Manila, Yesterday.

Red hand Communism made its first public appearance in Manila to-day, in connection with the general rebellion of high school students, 14,000 of whom refused to attend classes, and indulged in serious rioting.

The strike started over the alleged insults of an American teacher and is now continuing on a basis of demanding the reinstatement of four expelled students. The trouble to-day caused the police to order all available reserves to the centres of the riots.

Several students were badly injured and one knifed. A young girl was stripped and trampled on by the mob in the North High School grounds, and a police sergeant was beaten.

Communist agitators who have long been known to be semi-active in a quiet way, came out openly, addressing 3,000 students in the Walled City for the purpose of "protecting the rights of Filipino students trampled upon by foreigners whom we are feeding and who do not know how to appreciate the hospitality of our people."

It is estimated from reliable sources that 10,000 Filipinos have been converted to the cause of Communism during the last three years. At least 20 agitators with direct Moscow connections are known be working in the Philippines.—Reuter.

IMPROVING LATER

To-day's weather report, from the Royal Observatory states:—

The anti-cyclone over North China has strengthened.

A depression is central near Tourane. Fresh monsoon prevails along the south-east coast of China.

Forecast:—N.W. to N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, with drizzle or mist at first, improving later.

Rainfall

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day, 0.26 inch. Rainfall since January 1, 3.91 inches, against an average of 3.41 inches.

Temperature and Humidity

The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock were:

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong ..	61	94
Macao	54	92
Pratas Island	73	90
Manila	68	87
Amoy	52	93
Swatow	57	91
Chefoo	34	98
Shanghai	41	97

COMPANY REPORT

Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd.

FINAL DIVIDEND

The report of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Limited, to be presented at the Fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of shareholders to be held in the board room of the company, second floor, Exchange Building, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, states:

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31, 1929 (including the sum of $29,386.76 brought forward from the previous year) after charging $195,631.90 for depreciation, amounted to $331,627.02, which has been carried to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account. An interim dividend of 4 per cent. (or $91,992.70 was paid on September 18, 1929, and this with the other appropriations shown in the Appropriation Account are recommended for your approval. Your Directors further recommend that the balance of $142,627.97 then remaining at credit of Profit and Loss Appropriation Account be appropriated as follows:—

Payment of final dividend of 4 per cent., making a total of 8 per cent. for the year, $91,992.70.

Carry forward to next account, $50,635.27.

Total, $142,627.97.

Directors

Under Article No. 105 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D. and Mr. D. H. Blake retire by rotation, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors

The accounts for the year under review have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, who are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

HAS PROHIBITION FAILED?

'WETS' GIVE SHOCKING PICTURE OF ITS RESULTS

MORE DRUNKS THAN EVER

Washington, Yesterday.

The "Wets" directed their final blow against Prohibition, when they concluded seven days' evidence before the judiciary committee of the House of Representatives, on the proposal that the eighteenth amendment should be repealed. The "Wets" gave a shocking picture of official corruption, increased drunks, overcrowded courts, and more speakeasies than there were saloons in the old days. Over 1,000 people had been killed as the result of the activities of enforcement officers.

The "Drys" begin their seven days' evidence to-morrow.—Reuter's American Service.

AMERICAN RELIEF FOR CHINA

PROPOSAL TO SEND $25,000,000 CROP TO FAMINE AREAS

UNDER DISCUSSION

Washington, Yesterday.

The Senate Agriculture Committee has decided to consult Mr. MacMurray, ex-Minister of China and Mr. John B. Payne, Chairman of the Red Cross Society, regarding the proposal of the Federal Farm Board to buy $25,000,000 (gold) worth of corn to send to China for famine relief.—Reuter's American Service.

OVERLOADED SHIP

Owner and Master Charged

DANGER TO PASSENGERS

Mr. Sum Pak-ming, managing director of the Fook Yuet Co., owners of the s.s. Yuet On, and Capt. G. A. Cornand, the master of the vessel, were charged before Comdr. G. F. Hole at the Marine Court this morning with having overloaded the s.s. Yuet On above the Plimsoll mark.

Mr. C. H. Thompson, boarding officer, stated that he stopped the vessel at about 4.15 p.m. on February 28 in the harbour.

Mr. Sum Pak-ming pleaded "guilty" but in defence stated that he was not in the Colony, but in Canton, at the time.

Mr. Cornand also pleaded "guilty" but added that his boat was almost fully laden with cargo, and passengers coming on at the last minute with heavy luggage make it very difficult for him.

Comdr. Hole pointed out the seriousness of the charge—the danger both to the ship and to the lives of the people on board. He said that both the owners and the master were responsible for the steamer, and that was the reason for both being charged.

The owner was discharged with a caution.

As there had not been a similar case for a long time he would let the master off with half the maximum penalty, which was $250. If another such case came up, he would have to fine the offenders the maximum penalty of $500.

Sir Landon Ronald has expressed warm approval of the Lord Mayor's proposal for the establishment of an opera house in the City of London.

SOLDIERS MAY PRAY

FREE TO ATTEND ANY SERVICES

NO COMPULSION

"L.G." ON SPIRITUAL LIBERTY

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, replying to Mr. Stanley Baldwin, said that the orders issued to the Army, Navy and Air Force, made clear that no compulsion to attend intercessory prayers for Christians in Russia would be exercised, but both civil and military personnel were free to attend any services voluntarily.

Mr. Lloyd George assured Mr. MacDonald that this was not a newspaper agitation for political purposes, as Mr. MacDonald had stated, because the Free Church leaders had informed Mr. Lloyd George that if the Government order were carried out it would be impossible to get young men of high character to take the position of chaplain to the forces.

Mr. MacDonald said that he had also received letters from the leaders of the Churches, and he believed that the difficulty would be removed as the result of negotiation. Mr. MacDonald assured the House that every attempt would be made to allow for the full spiritual liberty of members of the forces on this occasion. He would be only too glad to adopt Mr. Baldwin's suggestion and would discuss the matter with Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Stanley Baldwin.—Reuter.

ABSENT INVY FINED

Judge's Stern Rebukes

In connection with the Haiching piracy trial this morning, the name of Mr. K. G. Blair was called for jury service. He was absent and his Lordship imposed a fine of $25.

At 11.30 o'clock, Mr. Blair came into Court and, when asked to give an explanation, he said that he was not summoned.

The bailiff, Mr. Stainfield, informed his Worship that he had served the summons on Mr. Blair on February 25. Whereupon Mr. Blair said that the summons he received bore no date. He pointed out to the bailiff at the time, and the latter then dated the summons and left it on his desk.

His Lordship: Then why were you not here this morning?

Mr. Blair: The date put on was February 5.

His Worship: Well, you should know that that date was long past, and that you should have come here this morning.

Mr. Blair: I thought I was entitled to a corrected summons.

His Lordship then sternly rebuked Mr. Blair, saying that it was all rubbish and that that sort of excuse would do him no good. His Lordship added that he had a good mind to impose a fine of $50, and ordered Mr. Blair to sit down until such time that he told him to go.

FORBIDDEN WATERS

Lang Ying-wah, aged 25 years, foki of a cargo junk of Fa King, was charged before Comdr. G. F. Hole to-day with anchoring in the cable area yesterday.

The defendant pleaded guilty and was fined $10.

NOTICES TO MARINERS

It is reported that a wrecked junk is drifting in Lat. 22 deg. 38' N., Long. 115 deg. 54' E.

A derelict junk, dangerous to navigation, is reported to be in the Gulf of Tonkin in Lat. 17 deg. 19 min. N., Long. 108 deg. 5 min. E.

KING'S COLLEGE SPEECH DAY

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION BY DEPUTY GOVERNOR

INTERESTING ADDRESS

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.), in distributing the prizes at King's College this morning, made allusion to the traditions that were being created by the College, which, he added, was fortunate in being situated in such delightful surroundings, and was possibly the finest school building in the East.

His Excellency was also pleased to note the progress of the Boy Scout movement at the College, and, further, commended the St. John Ambulance section upon their excellent work.

Mrs. Southorn, on her arrival with the Government party, was presented with a beautiful bouquet. Supporting His Excellency on the platform were Mr. E. Ralphs, (Director of Education), the head master (Mr. A. Morris) Mr. J. Barrow (Private Secretary), and members of the College staff.

The large hall was filled to capacity, and great applause greeted the head master's statement of the progress made during the past year.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT

The head master, in presenting the year's report, said:—

To-day is the 2nd anniversary of the official opening of K.C.—a fitting occasion on which to present the annual report and distribute the certificates and prizes to the most successful of our students in the University and College Examinations.

The year just closed has been marked by development and growth along our own special lines.

Attendance

The attendance has been good, there being no marked fluctuations, as was the case 20 years ago.

The maximum enrolment was 856 in January, and the highest monthly average 829 for March.

The average attendance for the year was 782, an increase of 145 on the figures of last year.

Tuition Fees totalled $49,286, an increase of nearly $10,000 on the receipts of the previous year.

We commenced this year with 940 on the roll. This represents our full complement.

Some hundreds of applicants are refused admission each term.

Examinations

The results of the University Matriculation and Junior Examinations are disappointing and not up to expectations, nor on a par with those of last year.

Of 21 entrants for the Matriculation Examination there were 11 successes, or 52 per cent.

Two were placed on the Honours List with three Distinctions between them.

Four were classed in the Pass List.

Five were awarded the Senior Local Certificate.

It is worthy of record that of the six who reached Matriculation Standard, 4 have entered the University—one in the Medical Faculty, one for specialised Chemistry and two in the Arts Faculty, both these having been awarded Government Educational Scholarships.

Of the 36 who sat for the Junior Local Examination 42 per cent. or 15 were successful, obtaining 8 Distinctions amongst them.

The customary internal examinations were held in June and December, the results being duly communicated to parents and guardians.

The Staff has been well maintained during the year, but it is my sad duty to record the death of one of our Vernacular Masters, Mr. Wong Wo-ting.

Mr. Wong was first absent on account of sickness on October 7 and to our deep regret died in January this year.

The funeral expenses were paid by the students and a substantial sum was handed to the widow, exemplifying the teaching of Confucius that "all within the four seas are brethren."

Athletics

The fullest possible use has been made of all the facilities which the College provides.

Swimming

After the water shortage the Swimming Pool was used daily until early December.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade Swimming Trophies were competed for here.

Volley Ball

The playground has been the scene of keenly contested interclass and League Volley Ball and Basket Ball matches.

In the Senior Volley Ball League our team were "runners up," and in the Junior League carried off the Cup.

Visiting teams from Canton and from United States Cruisers have been given games on our courts.

Ping Pong

Ping Pong is very popular with the Junior Classes. Each class has its own court in the covered playground.

Tennis

Tennis is finding favour with the Senior Classes.

Gymnasium

The gymnasium was used during August by a Jujitsu Class in charge of Mr. Mauricio.

In September the apparatus ordered from England arrived and was fitted up.

A full-time Gymnastic Instructor is an urgent necessity, for under existing conditions the only time which can be devoted to organised Physical Instruction is ½ hour a week in each of the 16 lowest divisions.

Woodwork

The Woodwork class is most popular. This occupation has provided the greatest surprise experienced during my 25 years residence in the East.

In the middle divisions as many as 120 entered their names for work in this class, which is entirely voluntary and taken out of school hours from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Excellent results have been obtained, and in addition to the preliminary practice in making joints, the work done included tables, door frames, towel rails, cupboards, knife boxes and splints for the Ambulance Divisions.

Photography

The Photography Class is popular with those possessed of cameras.

Enthusiasts are often at work up to 9 p.m.

The inclusion of a section in the University Amateur Photography Exhibition for students in schools would provide a stimulus.

Scouts

The Troop of Scouts although small, is efficient.

Mr. Lam Tsung is the Scoutmaster in charge. Outings are frequent, as the troop has its own special Fund for this purpose.

Since its inception, no pecuniary assistance has been received from the Central Headquarters Fund.

Ambulance

The new Division organised during the year and composed of senior pupils actually in attendance at the College, won the Ralphs Shield, the most coveted trophy of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Mr. Leung Sui-sang, the Superintendent in Charge of the Division, is to be congratulated on the high state of efficiency attained in the space of a few months.

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A PYJAMA CRISIS

GOVERNOR WHO KNEW NO BETTER

GERMANS ANGRY

"I WAS BROUGHT UP IN THE HILLS"

New Orleans, Yesterday.

An international incident was narrowly averted as the result of the unorthodox attire of Mr. Long, Governor of Louisiana, who received the Commander of the German cruiser Emden and the German Consul General at New Orleans dressed in green silk pyjamas, a red dressing gown, and blue bedroom slippers. The Germans were highly indignant at what they considered to be cavalier treatment. The captain of the Emden threatened to weight anchor and leave immediately, failing a full apology. The Governor was very surprised, and declared that he "had treated them like home folks," but he was finally persuaded to make amends, and the incident ended in firing a salute of seventeen guns and the Governor visiting the Emden in formal morning attire borrowed from his friends, but carrying a bowler hat.

The Governor subsequently explained "I know nothing about diplomacy. I was brought up in the hills and only happened to become State Governor by accident."—Reuter's American Service.

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A. C. HYNES,
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Hong Kong, 19th January, 1929.

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LOOK POONG SHAN,
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C. L. GARDNER,
Manager.
4, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 1st November, 1929.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

H.K. STEAMBOAT CO. AFFAIRS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEVERELY CRITICISED

FARMING OUT SYSTEM

OPPOSING SHAREHOLDERS' SCATHING COMMENTS

At an extraordinary general meeting of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, held yesterday morning, Sir Robert Ho-tung made an eloquent appeal to shareholders present to vote with him for the abolition of "farming out" of the Chinese side of the business to the same syndicate. This farmer, it was said, was getting too powerful and it was feared that he would in time become an impregnable opposition to the Company's interests. Many scathing remarks were made both by Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. M. K. Lo. The proposal was carried by a majority of 2 votes.

"AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN"

A large number of shareholders attended the meeting; the parties dividing themselves into two camps. After the business in connection with the ordinary yearly meeting had been dealt with, in the course of which one shareholder, Mr. M. Fernandez, criticised the accounts; saying that they were unsound and deceiving—the main point of contention was then gone into.

Sir Robert Ho Tung proposed the following resolutions:—

(a) That the policy of the renewal of the farming-out of the Chinese freight and passage business of the Company's steamers to the same farmer, in view of the fact that the farmer is himself a competitor of the Company's busines, is prejudicial to the interests of the Company; and

(b) That accordingly the directors be and are hereby notified that it is the wishes of the shareholders of this Company that the directors should abandon the said policy and should adopt a new policy of either giving preference, as far as possible to a non-competitive tenderer for the farming contract, or run its steamers on its account.

In support of his resolutions, Sir Robert Ho Tung said:—

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG

An Advocate of "Peace"

In rising to propose the resolution standing in my name on the agenda, I feel I can be very brief, because I have taken the liberty of addressing to you all a circular letter, in which I have endeavoured to set out the history of the matter which culminated in my having felt compelled to resign from my position as a director of this company, which I had held for over 15 years, and in the resignations of Messrs. Li Tse-fong and M. K. Lo from their positions as directors.

Gentlemen, as most of you know, I am an ardent advocate of peace, and my desire for peace has but increased with my age—now of over three score years. You will realise that nothing but an impelling and compelling sense of duty could have driven me to take a step which had the effect of severing my long relationship with the directorate of the company, and which has entailed on me worry and anxiety which my indifferent health can so ill bear. I hope therefore you will believe me when I say that I had no other interest in view than that of the shareholders of the company, and that I have done what I did because of my conviction that the continued policy of the company is detrimental to its interest and that it is imperative for the welfare of the company that a radical change should be made.

Since I have issued my circular letter I am glad to say that many shareholders of different Nationalities, have signified their approval of my views and have given to me proxies, which, including those of my own holding represent 47,228 shares out of the total of 90,000 shares of the company, or, in other words, a substantial majority of the entire shareholding of the Company, and I should imagine an overwhelming majority in the representation at this meeting. These shares do not include those of shareholders residing in Europe and elsewhere, to whom, because of the shortness of time, I have not been able to forward my circular letter. (Applause).

I hope and believe that, if you will signify your approval of the Resolution which I propose, the company and other interested parties will be able to work, not in suicidal competition, but upon some mutually satisfactory understanding. All we ask is that the company should be captain of its own ships and master of its own destiny. We want to live and let live. We, at any rate, are not going to initiate a freight war. We stand for peace. (Applause). But if other interested parties would not permit us so to conduct our business as to extricate the company from its present position, which has to depend for its future prosperity, and indeed its existence, upon a powerful competitor, whose strength goes on increasing from year to year, I, for one, say that to preserve peace at such a price is unthinkable (applause) and were the company to do so its future would be hopeless.

It may be a little melodramatic to refer to the Great War when our minds are centred upon the more mundane problem of business and dividends, but some words from a speech made by Mr. Lloyd George at the Queen's Hall in September 1914 often come to my mind. On this question they served to help me to reach the conclusion at which I have arrived, and with your permission I would like to quote them to you:—

May I tell you in a simple parable what I think this war is doing for us? I know a valley in North Wales, between the mountains and the sea. It is a beautiful valley, snug, comfortable, sheltered by the mountains from all the bitter blasts. But it is very enervating, and I remember how the boys were in the habit of climbing the hill above the village to have a glimpse of the great mountains in the distance, and to be stimulated and freshened by the breezes which came from the hilltops, and by the spectacle of their grandeur.

We have been living in a sheltered valley for generations. We have been too comfortable and too indulgent, many perhaps, too selfish, and the stern hand of fate has scourged us to an elevation where we can see the everlasting things that matter for a nation—the great peaks we had forgotten of Honour, Duty, Patriotism, and, clad in glittering white, the towering pinnacle of Sacrifice pointing like a rugged finger to heaven. We shall descend into the valleys again, but as long as the men and women of this generation last, they will carry in their hearts the image of these mighty peaks whose foundations are not shaken, though Europe rock and sway in the convulsions of a great war.

Even in commercial life may there not be some everlasting things that matter for a company? Are there, too, not the great peaks of Courage and Independence, Capacity to endure, and if need be, to suffer, and above all, Refusal to be bullied and to take kicks lying down? (Loud Applause).

Gentlemen, this occasion will be historic in the annals of this company. For good or evil, your decision to-day will have a far reaching effect upon the company's destiny. I know I need not ask you to think hard, to deliberate calmly, and to vote in accordance with your own convictions. (Applause).

Mr. Li Tse-fong seconded the resolution.

The Chairman's Views

In his reply, the Chairman said: Your Directors were asked to call this meeting of shareholders on their own initiative but declined, as in their opinion public discussion of the questions which have been raised is not in the best interests of the Company and these questions are moreover of a purely domestic nature requiring for just appreciation an intimate knowledge of the ramifications of the Company's business and their relations with competitors which it is impossible for the general body of shareholders to possess. As however, the meeting has been requisitioned, the Board desire to lay before you the fullest possible explanation of their policy, for which they ask your approval and support.

Resolution's Demand

It will be observed that the resolution before you asserts that the Directors' policy of farming out, or in other words chartering, certain cargo space and passenger accommodation on the Company's vessels to a farmer, or contractor, who is himself engaged in the same line of business is prejudicial to the interests of the Company and you are asked to notify your Directors that they should abandon this policy and adopt one of two alternatives, viz:

(1) Give preference to a Farmer who is not engaged in the same trade.

(2) Operate the Chinese freight and passenger business on the Company's own account.

Two Questions Raised

In order to make clear to you how the present position has arisen it will be necessary to go back some way in the Company's history and it will, I think, be easier for you to follow if I take the two questions raised by the resolution in the reverse order viz:—

(1) Why do the Company farm out any part of their business?

(2) Why do the Directors consider it is in the interest of the Company to continue to employ the present Farming Syndicate?

With regard to (1), I would remark that the Company operate that part of the traffic known as the "foreign" freight and passenger business themselves and have always done so. It is only the Chinese freight and passenger traffic which is farmed out.

In the year 1918, following on a period of five very bad years, during which no trading profit had been made, your Board decided to give a few months' trial to the farming system and the improvement in earnings was so satisfactory that a contract was fixed for the whole of the following year with the present farming syndicate. Results have justified the periodical renewal of this contract up to the present time and a striking illustration of how beneficial it has been to the Company is the fact that for the 10 years prior to introduction of the farming system gross earnings averaged only $749,387 per annum as compared with an average of $1,072,108 per annum for the seven normal years under the farming system, an increase of nearly 50 per cent. In making this comparison the years 1922, 1925 and 1926 have been omitted as results during these years were affected by strikes and boycott.

Comparison of Dividends

The improvement effected in the Company's earning power by the introduction of the farming system is evident also from a comparison of dividends paid. For the five years previous to the adoption of the system, dividends were respectively 50 cents, $1, $1.25, 50 cents and $1 per share, while for the 5 following years they were respectively $2.50 $2.75, $2.75, $3.25 and $4 per share. During the latter five years transfers to business, various Reserves, Pension Funds, and amounts written off for depreciation totalled $641,870 as against $160,000 only for the five years 1914 to 1918.

Objection to a policy which brought about such results is hard to understand. It is based, the Board, are told, on the fact that the farming syndicate are interested in a Company owning two steamers on the Canton berth, which it is claimed would never have been acquired had it not been for the profits made from the syndicate's contract with this Company. Let us consider the position. At the time the farming contract was given to these people the Company were not in a position to build or purchase new tonnage themselves. No profits were being made and the Dividend was being paid out of reserves. The Board consented to these steamers being placed on the berth which the Company could not at that time serve sufficiently themselves, because it was better to have the vessels of a friendly competitor who would support the Company's policy rather than steamers operated by outsiders, competition with whom the Company had learned from bitter experience could so seriously affect their earnings. It was as much in the interests of the Company as of the farming syndicate that the two vessels should be berthed.

A Further Advantage

A further advantage of the farming system arises from a considerable saving in overhead expenses, but with a view to meeting the wishes as far as possible of the shareholders who have requisitioned this meeting, and at the same time safeguarding the Company's position on the Canton River, your Directors have thoroughly examined into the other proposal that has been put forward, that the Company should operate the Chinese freight and passenger business themselves, appointing a compradore working under the control of a Sub-committee formed of Chinese Directors.

If the Company were to operate the Chinese freight and passenger business themselves, it would be necessary to employ a large clerical staff in the office and, in addition, to employ and pay in the case of each steamer Compradores, their staffs, cargo brokers, passage brokers and cargo coolies, all of whom are at present supplied, guaranteed and paid by the farmers. The saving here is estimated roughly at about $170,000 per annum. All loss in exchange and in subsidiary coinage is also borne by the farming contractors. It is impossible to say exactly what this saves the Company, but probably at a conservative estimate, not less than a further $140,000 per annum. However, your Directors were willing to make the experiment and give the system a fair trial, provided all parties interested would agree to work on the following basis:—

(1) not to compete in rates, and to agree rates

(2) that the present Chinese staffs would not lose their positions:

(3) that the farming syndicate would agree not to increase their tonnage over and above what they have at present:

(4) that the farming syndicate would continue to exercise their control over certain outside steamers so long a sthey are in a position to do so:

(5) that the farming syndicate would continue existing arrangements with regard to Wharves and Moorings:

(6) the compradore to be a man working whole time in the interests of the Company, and to be mutually approved:

(7) that the Company be assured an income at least equal to that obtainable from the farming syndicate.

No Mutual Understanding

So far it has not been possible to arrive at mutual understanding on these important points, although every possible avenue has been explored by your Directors, with a view to bringing the interests concerned into agreement.

With regard to the other question raised by the resolution, viz:—

"Why do the Directors consider it is in the interests of the Company to continue to employ the present Farming Syndicate?"

Two tenders have been received for farming the Chinese freight and passenger business this year, one of which is from our present contractors. Both tenders contain the usual stipulation for reduction

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COMPANY DIVIDEND

Hong Kong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd.

The balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31, 1929, including the sum of $11,057.23 brought forward from the previous year and after setting aside $28,752.71 in respect of depreciation, amounted to $166,427.65.

After deducting the interim dividend declared in July last and absorbing $60,000, a balance of $106,427.65 remains, which the Board of Directors will recommend at the forthcoming annual general meeting be apportioned as follows:

To pay a final dividend of 30 cents per share .	$60,000.00
To transfer to General Reserve in order to bring such reserve up up to $240,000	40,000.00
To carry forward to new Account	6,427.65
	$106,427.65

BUDGET FORECAST

Depression on Stock Exchange

London, Yesterday.

The prospects of an unfavourable budget is one of the reasons ascribed for the slump in the Stock Exchange, which has been steadily getting worse for a fortnight. The depression was accentuated yesterday, the total value of the shares of three well-known companies falling by £3,000,000 within a few hours. Gramophone shares, which were very popular a few months ago when they were worth £40,000,000, are to-day quoted at £12,000,000. Financial correspondents declare that the situation is not due to financial stringency but that investors are favouring gilt-edged and similar types and are displaying shyness to buy industrials as is evidenced by the fact that underwriters have been left with 82 per cent. of the issue of £5,000,000 preference shares of the Shell Transport and Trading Company.—Reuter.

COTTON DUTY

Indian Discrimination Against Japan

Osaka, Yesterday.

The Chamber of Commerce here has resolved to ask the Tokyo Government to make representations to the British and Indian Governments pointing out the discriminatory nature of the proposed Indian cotton duty, with a view to securing a withdrawal.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Expressing deepest concern at the proposed taxation of imported cotton goods, "which is obviously aimed at Japanese imports, and is therefore unfair discrimination hardly compatible with the spirit of the Indo-Japanese commercial treaty," the Indo-Japanese Association has telegraphically appealed to the Indian Legislative Assembly and other influential bodies in India to reconsider the matter.

Emphasising that Japan is a large purchaser of Indian produce and refrained from taxation of pig iron lest it hurt Indian susceptibilities, the message asserts that the proposed measure will benefit British industry at the expense of Japanese mills; "but it is difficult to see how it will benefit Indian mills."—Reuter.

CANTON LIBRARY

Appeal to Overseas Chinese

Canton, Yesterday.

It will be recalled that a subscription of $500,000 had been raised from the oversea Chinese to build a modern library in the city. Owing to the amount secured being still insufficient, delegates have therefore been again sent to foreign countries for a further subscription from the Chinese. The construction of the library has, however, begun, the site being at the Man Tak Maloo.—Canton News Agency.

ROYAL INVESTITURE

London, Yesterday.

H.M. the King, in the uniform of a Field Marshal, held a full dress investiture at Buckingham Palace.

He stood for half an hour while the recipients of decorations slowly passed him.

It was his Majesty's first investiture since his illness in November, 1928.—Reuter.

PRINCE CONVALESCENT

Nairobi, Yesterday.

A bulletin states that the Prince of Wales is convalescent, and expects to leave for Uganda on March 9, as originally arranged.—Reuter.

KWANGSI EX-LEADER

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Yu Cho-pai, the ex-chairman of Kwangsi, is reported to have arrived at Shanghai by the Chinkan Maru on the 2nd, en route to Japan.—Canton News Agency.

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NOTICES.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 41ST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of March, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 8th March, 1930 to WEDNESDAY, 19th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1930.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The ANNUAL SHOW of Flowers and Vegetables will be held in the City Hall on Thursday, March 6, 1930, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Admission $1.

There will be an Orchestra in attendance.

Prizes will be distributed by Mrs. Southorn at 6 p.m.

LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction
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Hong Kong, March 3, 1930.

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NOTICES.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on MONDAY, the 10th March, 1930, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1929. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st March to 10th March, 1930, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 13th February, 1930.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 12th March, 1930, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1929, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 28th February, 1930 to 12th March, 1930, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1930.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 13th March, 1930, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 3rd March, 1930, to THURSDAY, the 13th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th February, 1930.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on FRIDAY, the 14th March, 1930, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 14th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1930.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on SATURDAY, the 15th day of MARCH, 1930, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, *Second Floor, Exchange* Building, Hong Kong, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the Financial Year ended December 31, 1929, and re-electing Two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th March to the 15th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1930.

By Order of the Board,
W. L. McKENZIE,
Secretary.

14, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong.

WEI-HAI-WEI RETROCESSION

RUMOURED AGREEMENT WITH NANKING

ITS HISTORY AND ITS FUTURE

(Continued from yesterday.)

In a part of the world where the unexpected so often happens it is not safe to prophesy or dogmatize regarding the future, but the opinion of an old resident, who has watched the development of Port Edward from a small fishing village to its present size and prosperous conditon, might be given for what it is worth. The story of the prosperity of Weihaiwei is the story of most free ports contiguous to territory where import and export duties are levied. The reason is not far to seek and, other things being equal, the heavier the taxation on the side of boundary line, the greater the prosperity on the other. Prosperity based on such foundations might fairly be described as artificial. A glance at the map should convince an unbiased mind that the geographical position of Wei-hai-wei, as a port—near the extreme end of the Shantung Promontory and backed by a mountainous hinterland—is unfavourable: that in competition with Chefoo on the one side, with Tsingtao and its railway on the other, both nearer to the producing centres of the Province, the prospects of the local trader are very doubtful: and that retrocession might easily spell commercial disaster. Gui bono: Following rendition and the establishment of a Customs House, Nanking will acquire some "face"; but apparently little else: two-thirds of our trade will probably disappear: hundreds will be thrown out of employment: General Liu, all-powerful in these parts but doubtful friend of Nanking, who has done his best to squeeze Chefoo dry, will be only too pleased to have at his disposal so ripe a plum for similar pressure: like a flock of sheep, some 200,000 people, inhabiting the Territory, will be passed—nolentes, volentes—from one Government to the other, from the peace, security and justice of British administration to the mis-rule, oppression and iniquitous taxation rampant across our border: and a small, very small group of Britons, civilians and public servants, will have to face financial and other losses, immediate and potential. Is the picture too gloomy; Time will show.

Precedent

Lawyers set great store by precedents and the establishment of a new one is a veritable bugbear to the official mind—rightly so. But unusual features mark Britain's connection with Weihaiwei. There was the invitation from Peking while a Japanese army still occupied the place: the reluctant acceptance for political reasons: the hoisting at the same spot on the same day of three national flags in succession—Japanese Chinese and British: the extraordinary clause in the treaty putting no definite period to British tenure: the sacrifice of a pawn at Washington for a greater gain. Taking all the facts into consideration, it is safe to assert, not only that these occurrences have no parallel in British history, but that they will never occur again. Our bugbear becomes a bogey.

Case of the Transvaal

A reference to the temporary retrocession of the Transvaal 50 years ago seems pertinent. The Dutch at the Cape disliked British rule—particularly, the abolition of slavery, crossed the frontier in substantial numbers and carved out for themselves a new state. There was lack of cohesion, a rooted objection to payment of taxes and the Republic was brought to the verge of bankruptcy, the pound note falling in value to one shilling. The massing of Zulu hordes on their borders threatened invasion, perhaps annihilation, and Britain intervened. Cetewayo was forbidden to fight and obeyed, though "the Dutch have tired me out and I intended . . . to drive them over the Vaal". Annexation seemed the only alternative. There were vigorous protests from the Boers and a bitter complaint from their President against his own people—"I would rather be a policeman under a strong government than the president of such a state. It is you Boers . . . who have lost the country." Then, as now international gratitude seems to have been at a discount. There followed one of our little wars: Zulu power was broken at a cost of some £5,000,000: and Cetewayo passed out of history into exile. The disappearance of the Zulu menace and the withdrawal of British forces from South Africa encouraged the Boers to renew the demand for complete independence: open revolt followed (1880): and a small British force was overwhelmed at Majuba Hill. Though substantial and sufficient reinforcements were already landing or on the sea, then, as now, the sentimentalists, propagandists and "Little Englanders" of that generation had their way: Mr. Gladstone climbed down: and, with a single reservation, the Boers gained complete independence. Gladstone received loud praise from some for magnanimity—the "patient conciliation" of to-day: he was vigorously abused by others for weakness — some enraged Britons going so far as to drag their flag through the dust on the streets of Pretoria: in the light of subsequent events we see to-day that his surrender was a stupendous blunder. Is history repeating itself?

A Definite Assurance

Some British settlers had followed the flag: strange as it may seem to some, they preferred to continue under that flag: they, too, could point to definite assurance: in particular, there was the declaration by the High Commissioner, General Wolseley, to a public assembly of Boers at their capital, that the British flag would fly at Pretoria for such time as the sun shone above them. There was no repudiation of official liability and these settlers were assisted to dispose of their property and take up farms in British territory at an outlay of about £50,000.

Taking all the circumstances into consideration, there seems no reason why a like generous attitude should not be adopted at Weihaiwei: some sort of guarantee given if living conditions become impossible, or intolerable, or if definite financial loss is incurred through Government action, the Briton concerned will not be left in the lurch —P. & T. Times.

MARITAL DISPUTE

Magistrate's Suggestion to Parties

BREACH NOT HEALED

The matrimonial troubles of Mr. J. R. Soares and his wife again occupied the attention of Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Before proceeding further with the case, his Worship inquired if any efforts had been made to settle the matter, and Mr. J. T. Prior, for Mrs. Soares, replied that he had received no intimation whatever from the other side. He said that the solicitor for the husband had only to say that he was making arrangements for the sister to stay elsewhere.

Mr. Whyte-Smith: Will your client go back?

Mr. Prior: I will advise her.

His Worship: That is the point.

Mr. Prior: It is up to them to make the move.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, sen.: It is up to both parties.

The Magistrate remarked that from what he had heard in evidence, it would be a good thing for the husband to make an offer that if the wife would go back he would make arrangements for the sister to stay elsewhere. If the husband did not make such an offer he would be in the wrong. On the other hand, if he made the offer and the wife refused, she would be wrong.

On Mr. d'Almada's suggestion, the Court adjourned for the husband to be consulted in the matter.

After the conference with Mr. Soares, Mr. d'Almada said that his client was of the opinion that even if he did make the arrangements suggested, he did not, in view of past instances, think there could be any happiness between himself and his wife. However, Mr. Soares was prepared to undertake that if the wife returned she would not be molested in any way by the sister. There was also the consideration of extra expenses if the sister lived elsewhere.

His Worship remarked that Mr. Soares was making a great mistake because the duty between husband and wife was greater than that between brother and sister.

Mrs. Soares's mother then gave evidence and was cross-examined at length with regard to the affairs of the parties, after which his Worship gave another adjournment until March 14.

HOTEL GUESTS

At the Hong Kong Hotel

March 2, 1930.

Messrs. E. W. Broadwith, N. Brandel, C. T. Beiget, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bellamy.

Messrs. Y. S. Chang, E. Cook, S. S. Cook.

Messrs. H. M. Dodwell, B. Daniel.

Messrs. D. Forbes, W .S. Forbes.

Messrs. J. N. Grant, G. A. Gosse, D. F. Gilraith.

Mr. J. E. Joseph.

Messrs. J. J. Kino, A. Kamally.

Messrs. H. C. Leo, W. K. Lo, Joseph Levi, L. Lasaner, L. M. S. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Lacos, Miss H. Lillie.

Messrs. J. W. Mordehovitch, S. E. Major, O. Margentern, H. H. Merecki, S. K. Murray, J. M. Major, A. M. Martin.

Mr. F. Noodt.

Messrs. D. C. Palfreeman, E. Poll, H. A. Patel.

Mr. L. P. Quincey.

Messrs. A. Rose, E. Rutgers.

Messrs. C. A. Steibel, G. C. Shepherd, D. E. Sassoon, W. Smith, A. Stokes, Mrs. G. Stevenson.

Mr. A. H. Turner.

Mr. R. L. Wyllie.

COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY

BIG DECREASE IN ALL THE RESERVOIRS

CONSUMPTION AGAIN HIGHER

The total storage in the island reservoirs on Monday, March 3 amounted to 915.10 million gallons, showing a decrease of 49.32 million gallons during the past week. The week's consumption amounted to 48.87 million gallons.

Kowloon Water Supply

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on Monday, March 3 amounted to 392.64 million gallons, showing a decrease of 14.01 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 26.88 million gallons, not including 2.18 million gallons supplied to Water Boats at Lai Chi Kok.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week is 15.05 million gallons.

Storage

The following shows the amount in storage (million gallons) on the dates named:

1929	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	326.38	138.31
May 6	311.72	121.65
June 3	237.90	87.96
June 17	192.75	80.51*
July 8	157.79†	105.52
August 5	1,251.86	438.58
September 2	1,878.13	467.96
October 7	1,880.18	514.98
November 4	1,699.58	514.64
December 2	1,514.80	496.54
1930		
January 6	1,279.77	458.50
" 13	1,235.50	450.51
" 20	1.188.37	438.37
" 27	1,145.65	432.83
February 3	1,097.85	430.14
" 10	1,054.18	424.30
" 17	1,011.11	419.80
" 24	964.42	406.65
March 3	915.10	392.64

* Lowest for 1929 in Kowloon.
† Lowest for 1929 in Island.

Consumption

The following figures show the weekly consumption (million gallons) on the dates mentioned:—

1929	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	37.56	30.76*
May 6	33.03	27.17
June 3	27.48	24.86
" 24	27.14	11.08†
July 1	27.21	20.71
" 22	25.32§	23.28
August 5	31.85	25.17
September 2	50.86	27.62
" 23	58.41‡	28.67
October 7	54.90	26.70
November 4	54.22	26.81
December 2	46.90	26.54
1930		
January 6	46.91	25.83
" 13	45.60	24.17
" 20	47.50	25.47
" 27	47.10	25.21
February 3	50.75	23.74
" 10	44.71	23.71
" 17	45.11	24.86
" 24	46.69	26.22
March 3	48.87	26.88

* Highest in Kowloon during period of publication of weekly reports.
† Lowest in Kowloon recorded in 1929.
§ Lowest in Island in 1929.
‡ Highest in Island in 1929.

FEBRUARY RAIN

The following is the record of rainfall at the Botanic Gardens in February:—

Feb.	Inch.
5	.03
6	.13
7	.57
11	.02
12	.47
13	.26
26	.03
Total	1.51

A WEEK'S DISEASES

During the week ended March 1 the following diseases were notified to the Medical Officer of Health:—

	Cases	Deaths
Typhoid Fever	4	1
Small-pox	16	11
Diphtheria	3	2
Meningitis	1	—
Puerperal Fever	1	1
Influenza	—	1
Malaria	—	3
Tuberculosis	—	58

On March the following cases of diseases were reported:—

Typhoid Fever	2
Small-pox	4
Diphtheria	2

CIVIC SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Shanghai Municipal Council elections have resulted as follows:—

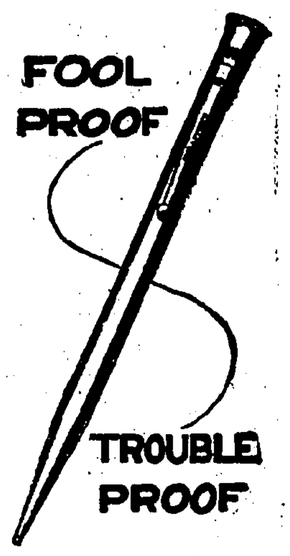
Mr. K. Fukushima, 1,078 votes.
Mr. Saito, 1,060.
Brig. Gen. E. B. McNaughten 926.
Mr. A. D. Bell, 865.
Mr. J. W. Carney 845.
Mr. A. J. Hughes 789.
Mr. Leslie (A.P.C.) 757.
Mr. Shepherd (Jardine's) 740.
Mr. N. S. Brown (Taikoo) 735.

Those not elected are Messrs. H. E. Arnhold, Massey, G. E. Tucker and Rev. C. E. Patton.—Reuter.

GAS BOMBS FOR CHINA

Peking, Yesterday.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce has wired to the German Consul General at Shanghai expressing anxiety at the many reports that Germany is shipping large quantities of poison gas bombs to China for the use of Chiang Kai-shek, declaring that their use is contrary to international law.—Reuter.



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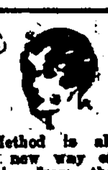

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Hong Kong, February 27, 1930.

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Worship, from Goteborg.
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LAPLATA MARU ..... Friday, 21st March.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
CELEBES MARU ..... Sunday, 9th March.
MEIGEN MARU ..... Wednesday, 19th March.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
CANADA MARU ..... Monday, 31st March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
GANGES MARU ..... Wednesday, 5th March.
SUMATRA MARU ..... Tuesday, 18th March.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.
ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Sunday, 9th March.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
SYDNEY MARU ..... Thursday, 6th March.
HAIPHONG—Via Holhow & Pakhoi.
MENADO MARU ..... Thursday, 6th March, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
JAPAN PORTS.
BORNEO MARU ..... Wednesday, 5th March.
AMUR MARU ..... Tuesday, 11th March.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.
HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 9th March, Noon.
CANTON MARU ..... Sunday, 16th March, Noon.
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Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Perkins and family, Missionary workers with the Board of Foreign Missions, travelling home to the United States.

Mr. Yee Wing-chew and family, Chinese Agent of the Southern Pacific Railways in Mexico, returning to the United States.

PASSENGER LISTS

ARRIVALS

Per American Mail Line s.s. President Madison on March 3:—

G. Almario, E. Brensing, Rev. C. P. Breman, Kong Chin, F. Duerme, Mrs. A. W. Dow, Richard Gibson, Mrs. M. B. Gillelan, F. Hall, H. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hunt, A. R. Harris, M. A. de Jesus, Mr. and Mrs. G. Jose, Lt. H. C. Johnson, T. Kolmans, Mr. and Mrs. L. Kirschbaum, Mrs. M. Leyshon, Master David Leyshon, E. Luchchandi, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. May, Rev. M. Nowak, Rev. J. O. O'Doherty, Lt. N. Phillips, Mrs. G. Plummer, Capt. George Read, Jr., E. S. Rommuldez, Mrs. D. F. Stewart, Miss Mary Stewart, Master L. Stewart, Miss F. M. Shepard, Miss B. A. Taylor, Barrie Taylor, A. T. Van Assche, L. Wolf.

DEPARTURES

Per s.s. Atsuta Maru for Japan via Shanghai on March 4:—

Mr. and Mrs. David Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Verrill, Mrs. D. Leconte, Miss K. Hornby, Philip James Clancy, H. Kunishi, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thorpe, N. Toyoshita, J. Fairweather, Raymond Comtepoix.

WATERFRONT BLAZE

Two Killed and Twelve Injured

New Orleans, Yesterday.

One of the victims of yesterday's spectacular blaze on the waterfront has since died of his injuries. The toll of the blaze is now officially stated to be two killed, and twelve injured.

The fire swept the wharves and warehouses on the riverfront, the damage being estimated at £600,000.

About thirty thousand bales of cotton were totally lost, and a hundred thousand damaged.—Reuter's American Service.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMER

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Australia, R/W Cruise, arrived at Beppu on March 3 (Mon.) at midnight, left Beppu on March 4 (Tues.) at midnight, and is due at Kobe on March 5 (Wed.), p.m.

FRENCH SHIPPING

The Government's Policy Outlined

CONTROL OF PORTS

Quite a special interest attached this year to the annual discussion on the estimates of the Department for the Merchant Marine which took place in the Chamber of Deputies, because of the presence of the first Minister placed at the head of that Department in the annals of French politics. The speech that was delivered by the Minister, M. Louis Rollin, moreover, constituted a comprehensive summary of the policy to be followed by the French Government in connection with shipping and shipbuilding.

The most striking note of the discussion was the unanimous satisfaction expressed by deputies at the creation of the Ministry for the Merchant Marine, and the encouragement given by members of all parties, as well as by the French Press, to the new Minister, for the successful execution of his difficult task.

It is noteworthy that when the under secretariat for the Merchant Marine was suppressed by Mr. Poincare in 1926, the department in charge of the planning and execution of port extension and upkeep works was placed under the direct control of the Minister for Public Works, who also controls inland navigation, railways, etc. Up to the present, the new Minister for the Merchant Marine has to supervise only the shipping and shipbuilding industries, also the interests of seamen. It is, however, the intention of M. Andre Tardieu, the Prime Minister, to place the control of seaports under the administration of the Minister for the Merchant Marine, and M. Rollin announced in the Chamber of Deputies that a draft bill would be tabled shortly to that effect. This decision of the French Government to provide a co-ordinated shipping policy, was approved by most of the deputies, and it is likely that the draft bill in question will be endorsed when it comes up for discussion before Parliament.

Replying to a question raised by a deputy of the Socialist party, M. Rollin stated that the 8-hour working day would continue to be enforced without any restriction in the French merchant marine, but he added that he would make an endeavour to have the principle extended to other countries.

M. Robert Bellanger, who acted as rapporteur" of the estimates of the Department for the Merchant Marine, and worked out a most interesting report gave some additional comments on the actual conditions of the French shipping and shipbuilding industries, emphasising the urgent necessity of giving more efficient assistance to shipbuilders. M. Rollin then stated that he had already decided to investigate the reasons accounting for the higher shipbuilding costs in France than abroad, and that he had just entrusted the Conseil National Economique to look into that important question.

The Shipbuilding Crisis

Specially interesting was the speech delivered by M. Andre Marie, Deputy for Seine-Inferieure, who dealt with the shipbuilding crisis. M. Marie, alluding to the important orders which had been placed during the last few years with foreign yards by French shipowners and to the unfavourable position of French shipbuilders in competition with foreign firms for foreign orders, quoted an example in referring to the orders booked by Italian firms for new Greek and Turkish warships. The deputy came to the conclusion that it was up to the French Government to help French shipyards by giving them more efficient assistance than that so far provided by the Credit Maritime.

Similar recommendations were made by M. Emile Morinaud, president of the Committee for the Merchant Marine in the Chamber of Deputies, who is a most authoritative specialist in shipping matters. He laid stress upon the severe difficulties of the French shipbuilding industry, which is evidenced by the following figures; while before the war the yearly output of French yards represented about 75 per cent. of their total output capacity, that percentage dropped to 50 per cent. just after the war, then to 15 per cent. in 1927, and to about 30 per cent. at the present time, with the result that the total number of workers employed in French shipyards dropped from 30,000 to 20,000. M. Morinaud advocated an increased assistance from the State to shipbuilders.

Extend Credits

Deputy G. Candace—also a distinguished specialist in shipping matters—expressed the wish that steps should be taken to alter the present provisions of the Credit Maritime in order to extend the assistance given to French shipbuilders. He also expressed the hope that his own proposal aiming at the creation of free zones in France should be shortly endorsed by Parliament.

M. Rollin, Minister for the Merchant Marine, then gave an outline of his programme, emphasising the fact that shipping and shipbuilding should always be regarded as international industries. The Government, therefore, should see that at no time French shipowners and shipbuilders had to bear higher charges than their foreign competitors. He added that the present tonnage of the French merchant fleet—about 3,500,000 tons—was not sufficient and should be increased, and that it would be necessary to build over 150,000 tons per day to provide for a satisfactory renewal of that tonnage.

Alluding to the difficulties of French shipbuilders, the Minister pointed out that they were at present hardly in a position to compete with foreign yards owing to their higher prices. He then stated that as soon as he had received the report of the special committee which he had entrusted with the task of investigating the relative conditions of French and foreign shipyards he would be in a position to ask Parliament for a wider and more efficient assistance to the shipbuilding industry, while he would also request French shipbuilders to make further efforts as regards the organisation of the shipyards.

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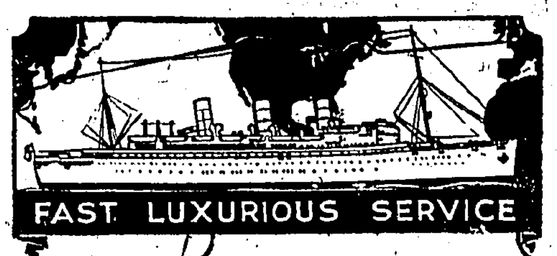

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Finnish Fireman Who Saw Red

A Finnish fireman, Adam Lehto working on board the Finnish steamer Naxos which arrived in Colombo recently, stood his trial at the Colombo Police Court charged with having caused voluntary hurt to a fireman named Wilhelm Granholm, on board the same vessel in the early hours of the morning by slashing him with a razor.

According to the evidence of Felix Lundberg, the Chief Officer of the Naxos, at about 2 a.m. Granholm was brought to the Chief Officer's cabin with bleeding injuries on his arm and chest. He was badly cut and had his injuries attended to by the second mate and the Chief Officer. He later went on to the forecastle of the ship and learnt from some members of the crew that the accused, Lehto, was lying on his trunk with an open razor by his side. He (the officer) found the razor stained with blood.

On being questioned the accused made no statement, but later said that neither he nor Granholm should ever see Finland again. He is also alleged to have said that if he had only a gun he would have killed all the other firemen as well.

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		1930	
KASHMIR	8,985	8th Mar. Noon	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
†KALYAN	9,144	15th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*ALIPORE	5,273	19th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	29th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MALWA	10,980	12th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	26th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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		1930	
TILAWA	10,006	17th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	9,649	28th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALAMBA	8,018	30th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALMA	10,000	11th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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		1930	
*TANDA	6,956	—	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	4th Apr.	
NELLORE	6,853	2nd May	

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		1930	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	11th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
MALWA	10,980	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NAGPORE	5,283	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	21st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*MIRZAPORE	6,715	23rd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SHIRALA	7,841	31st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*BELTANA	—	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKLIWA	7,936	8th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NELLORE	6,853	8th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.

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RACING

Programme & Weights for Saturday

NINE EVENTS ON CARD

Nine events are on the card for the first extra meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday. The full programme is as under:—

Happy Valley Handicap: "A" Class: Six Furlongs.—For China Ponies, 1st Prize: $400. 2nd Prize: $150, 3rd Prize: $100.

February Stakes: Five Furlongs.—For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this season, non-winners, whether starters or not. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey Allowance. 1st Prize: $400. 2nd Prize: $150. 3rd Prize: $100.

Happy Valley Handicap: "B" Class: Six Furlongs.—For China Ponies. 1st Prize: $400. 2nd Prize: $150. 3rd Prize: 100.

First Extra Meetings Stakes: One Mile.—For all China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners this year of stakes value $750 to $1,490—5 lb.; $1,491 to $2,990—10 lb.; over $2,990—14 lb. penalty. Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season allowed 5 lb. Jockey Alowance. 1st Prize: $750. 2nd Prize: $300. 3rd Prize: $150.

Happy Valley Handicap: "C" Class: Six Furlongs.—For China Ponies. 1st Prize: $400. 2nd Prize: $150. 3rd Prize: $100.

Aberdeen Plate: One Mile.—For China Ponies, Griffins of the Season, non-winners, whether starters or not. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey Allowance. 1st Prize: $400. 2nd Prize $150. 3rd Prize: $100.

Stanley Stakes: One Mile.—For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 5 lb. extra of two races 7 lb. extra, of three or more races 10 lb. extra. Jockey Allowance. 1st Prize: $400. 2nd Prize: $150. 3rd Prize: $100.

Wanchai Handicap: "B" Class: One and a Quarter Miles.—For China Ponies. 1st Prize: $450. 2nd Prize $200. 3rd Prize: $100.

Wanchai Handicap: "A" Class: One and a Quarter Miles.—For China Ponies. 1st Prize: $450. 2nd Prize: $200. 3rd Prize: $100.

Handicaps

Handicaps have been allotted as follows:

Happy Valley Handicap—6 Furlong "A" Class

Abel (141 lb.), Four Clubs (148), Piccalilli (153), Pippin (146), Royal Hall (143), Marquis Hall (150), Empress Hall (148), Majestic Hall (160), Young Pretender (146), O-Moon (140), Winsome Stag (150), The Goods (149) Christmas Chimes (148), Christmas Frolic (149), Silver Queen (146), San Francisco (143), Fifty Fifty (151), One Third (150), Our Prince 140), Chivalrous (149), Misty Eve (147), Boxing Eve (163), African Eve (149), Fair Sport (156), Duke of Chantilly (155), Chesapeake Bay (149), Gay Caballero (146), Blue Boy (154), King's Counsel (140).

Happy Valley Handicap—5 Furlongs, "B" Class

Tango (152 lb.), Tonbridge (152), Erin's Isle (140), Glory (144), Fanling Stag (140), The Jamaica (141), Thunderbolt (140), Armony (155), The Ape (147), King's Falloch (140), Glorious Stag (142), Buster (147), Cream Cracker (149), Noukhall (152), Sunning (144), Orange William (173), Monk (144), Tarmacadam (144), Mount Elburz (140), Grey Dawn (164), Orlandb (164), The Albatross (167), Diana (164), Shiny Pearl (164), Deception Bay (167), Christmas Belle (167).

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SINOLOGIST'S DEATH

Frankfurt, Yesterday.

The death has occurred of Professor Richard Wilhelm, the famous Sinologist, formerly a Professor at Peking University.—Reuter.

The King has sent £100 and the Queen £50 to "The Friends of the Cathedral Church of Norwich," a recently formed society consisting of admirers of the cathedral who wish to help it.

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T'tau via S'tow & S'hai	FOOSHING ....Sun.,	9th Mar. at 7 a.m.
T'tau via S'tow & S'hai	HOPSANG ....Wed.,	12th Mar. at 7 a.m.
T'tau via S'tow & S'hai	HANGSANG ...Sun.,	16th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	HOSANG .....Wed.,	26th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG ....Wed.,	2nd Apr. at 7 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	SUISANG ..... Sat.,	15th Mar. at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	YUENSANG ...Thurs.,	27th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Singapore	YUENSANG ...Fri.,	7th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG .....Wed.,	5th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG .....Mon.,	17th Mar. at 3 p.m.
T'tsin via S'tow & Foochow	CHIPSHING ... Wed.,	12th Mar. at 7 a.m.
T'tsin via S'tow & Foochow	CHEONGSHING Fri.,	21st Mar. at 7 a.m.
Shanghai	YUSANG .....Sat.,	8th Mar. at 7 a.m.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel, 4.30. p.m.

To-day—Tea Dance at Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.

To-day—Old Alleynian Dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.15 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

March 7—S.P.C.A. Fancy Dress Ball, Peninsula Hotel, 8. p.m.

March 8—Old Bedfordian Dinner, Hong Kong Club 8 p.m.

March 14—Volunteer Corps Battery Dinner, Headquarters.

March 21—Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Dinner, 8.30 p.m.

March 21—Dance, Peak Club.

Entertainments

To-day — Queen's Theatre, "Taming of the Shrew."

To-day — Star Theatre, "Nervous Wreck."

To-day — World Theatre, "The Winning Daughter (Chinese Picture), at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.; "Love" at 5.15 and 9.20. p.m.

To-day — Majestic Theatre; "The Private Life of Helen of Troy."

To-morrow—Helena May Institute Concert, 5.30 p.m.

March 22, 25, 26 (matinee), 27, 28, and 29.—A.D.C.—"And So To Bed," Theatre Royal.

Sports

See Special Sports Diary on page 9.

Lammerts' Auction

March 7—At Sailor's Home, West Point, household furniture, at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. respectively.

Meetings

To-morrow—Hong Kong Football Referee's Association Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

March 7—Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association Meeting, Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

March 10—Union Waterboat Co., meeting of shareholders, Dodwell & Co.'s office, 11 a.m.

March 12—Hong Kong Electric Co., shareholders' meeting, 11 a.m.

March 22—Hong Kong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd., meeting, Exchange Bldg, 11.30 a.m.

March 26—Sixty-first general meeting of Hong Kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's Offices, noon.

Miscellaneous

To-morrow — Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall, 3-6 p.m.

March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10.—Lectures in "Modern Architecture" by Mr. C. E. Moore, University Engineering Society.

A deputation from the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation, urging, among other things, the return of the penny post and the sample post as a help to trade, and consequently employment, will visit the Postmaster-General.

DANGEROUS CHEMICALS

The manager of the Kwong Man Loong fireworks factory of Kowloon City was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning fined $15 for using potassium chlorate for the manufacture of crackers.

Inspector Shaftain prosecuted, while Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defendant.

The prosecutor said that, in 1921, the Government, after a very serious accident, stopped the use of this dangerous chemical, but he (the Inspector) would make representations for an amendment of that rule, as then the Government must only have been thinking of and considering local conditions and not the export of crackers.

HONG KONG PAPERS BANNED

Canton, Yesterday.

On account of the many absurd stories fabricated by some of the newspapers from Hong Kong regarding Yan Hsi-shan's attitude towards the Central Government, General Au Yeung Ku, Director of the Bureau of Public Safety, has issued an order forbidding the sale of such papers in the city, so as to remove any uneasiness in the public mind. — Canton News Agency.

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory, under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

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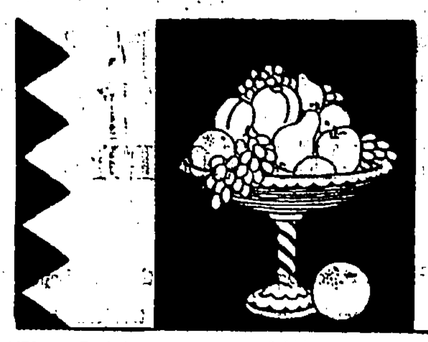
The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

March 5 to 11, 1930.

Date	High Water Standard Times	Ht.	Lower Water Standard Times	Ht.
March				
Wed. 5	0 14 a	5.7	m 6 15	2.4
			d 34 a	2.2
Thurs 6	m 0 48	5.1	m 6 40	1.8
	0 53 a	5.9	7 44 a	2.2
Fri. 7	m 1 12	4.4	m 7 6	3.2
	1 41 a	6.1	8 30 a	2.3
Sat. 8	m 1 6	3.8	m 7 31	3.5
	2 17 a	6.5	11 3 a	2.0
Sun. 9	No inferior H.		nor Low	W.
	3 4 a	6.6		
Mon. 10	No inferior H.		m 0 41	1.4
	3 51 a	6.9	nor Low	W.
Tues. 11	m 3 51	4.1	m 1 33	0.9
	4 44 a	7.2	m 11 47	3.9



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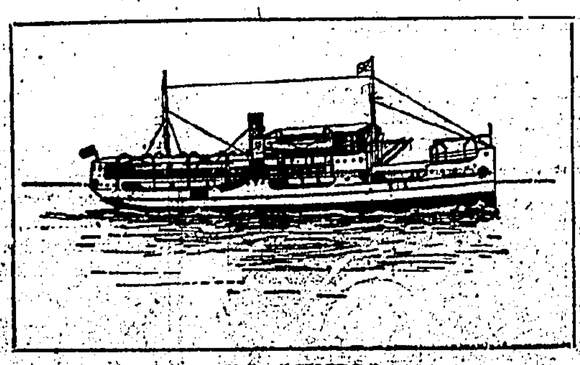

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"STEAMBOAT STRIFE"

Whilst regret may be expressed that internal friction has come to light in regard to the policy of the Hong Kong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co., Limited, it must be obvious that the best way to clear the air was by a discussion of the points of difference at a public meeting of shareholders. Few will be able to subscribe to the Chairman's view in the preamble to his address at yesterday's extraordinary meeting. He stated that "the Directors were asked to call this meeting of shareholders on their own initiative but declined, as in their opinion public discussion of the questions which have been raised is not in the best interests of the Company and these questions are, moreover, of a purely domestic nature requiring for just appreciation an intimate knowledge of the ramifications of the Company's business and their relations with competitors which it is impossible for the general body of shareholders to possess." It ought not—but apparently it is—to be necessary to point out that the Steamboat Company is a public limited liability Company, dependent for its capital on public investment in shares. It is, moreover, a public utilities concern dependent on public patronage and support to ensure success—the payment of dividends to shareholders. That is the sole objective of all public companies. No one expects them to exist for purely philanthropic purposes. No one expects a steamboat service to be maintained as a hobby. If it does not pay an adequate return it must "get the kick" if shareholders—members of the public — become peevish or suggest ways and means whereby improvement may be secured. It is easy to assert that the public discussion of certain questions is not in the best interests of a Company. With all due deference to Directors who, it must, in all fairness, be borne in mind, are placed in office by the shareholders in general, there may arise occasions when a reference to shareholders could safely be made without in any way lowering the dignity or reflecting on the reputation of Directors. Directors are no more infallible than any other body of men. It is not always easy to define what is or is not a question of a "purely domestic nature." Directors may define it correctly; they may not! But if any question "requires for a just appreciation an intimate knowledge of the ramifications of a Company's business" it should not be absolutely impossible for the general body of shareholders to possess it. Either there is dictatoriness on the part of the Directors or apathy on the part of shareholders. True, that statement was qualified by the Chairman of the Steamboat Company by the phrase "relations with competitors." That qualification is an important one. Directors, by the very nature of their duties must possess confidential information in regard to competitors that it would be at once undesirable for the whole world to know; otherwise they could not possibly "direct" the Company's affairs in the best interests of shareholders. Whether or not the question of farming out the Steamboat Company's business comes under that category or not is perhaps not one for outsiders to attempt to argue in view of the fact that shareholders themselves have forced an issue thereon. The majority of shareholders at yesterday's meeting certainly did not object to a public discussion of the points in dispute — and the will of the majority must always prevail. As to the merits or demerits of the resolution before the extraordinary general meeting it is still preferable that these be decided by the poll to be taken on the date already announced. All that need concern the outside public is the principle of the affairs of a public Company being conducted, where feasible and politic, in the full light of day and not behind closed doors. A public utility concern is not by any means on the same footing as other limited liability companies. The general public has inherent rights that must be safeguarded if its confidence is worth retaining. Whichever way the forthcoming poll of shareholders goes, the public shall be no less ready to wish the Steamboat Company many more years of usefulness and prosperity. It is an asset to the general weal that cannot lightly be disregarded.

News in Brief

The annual meeting of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association will be held in the Cathedral Hall on Friday at 5.15 p.m.

Members and subscribers of the Peak Club are reminded of the dance to be held on Friday. Tickets are obtainable on application to the No. 1 Boy at the Club.

A European named Charles Read (25), unemployed, was yesterday found sick and unconscious at the Kai Tack Aerodrome. The Police removed him to the Kowloon Hospital.

A fine of $10 was imposed on a Chinese youth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on admitting riding a bicycle with his hands off. His Worship told him that he was "simply showing off!"

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, arrived at Singaopre yesterday. She will in all probability remain there for four days, after which she will return to Hong Kong.

Alleged to be a member of a Triad Society, a Chinese, who was produced before Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day, was remanded for a week, pending translations of documents in connection with the society.

Members of the committee of the S.P.C.A. and others who are helping with the sale of tickets for the Fancy Dress Ball on Friday, are reminded that a note of their tickets sold should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, S.P.C.A., Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, to-day.

At about eleven o'clock last night a rikisha with a passenger, was being pulled along Canton Road toward Yaumati, when a Kowloon Motor Bus Co.'s vehicle going in the same direction collided with its rear and damaged the right wheel. The passenger was not hurt.

During the screening of the "Taming of the Shrew" at the Queen's Theatre, this week, the Queen's Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. R. Bakalinikoff, will play a special overture followed by piano and cello solos. The orchestra will be specially augmented for the occasion.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Suffering from severe injuries to his right hand caused by the explosion of a stick of dynamite, a foki of a fishing junk was yesterday taken by the Police to the Kwong Wah Hospital, on the junk's return to port. According to a report made by the master of the junk, the explosion occurred whilst the boat was fishing at Kam Shan, in Chinese waters. The foki had lighted the dynamite to throw it into the water, but it exploded before he could do so.

CORRESPONDENCE

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

[To the Editor of "China Mail."]

Sir,—I have read with interest the report of the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society held yesterday, at which appeals were made for increased public support, and I shall be grateful if you will spare me a little space for a suggestion which I feel sure will help to swell the Society's funds.

When anyone who is at all well-known dies in this Colony, hundreds of wreaths, mostly identical in shape and composition, are sent down to the Monument and subsequently, I presume, carried down to the grave where within a few hours they go rotten and are removed by the cemetery authorities. I suggest that on such sad occasions only near relatives or great personal friends should send wreaths and that other people who wish to send a token of respect should send a subscription to the Hong Kong Benevolent Society. The Society could assist in the collection of such sums by supplying the principal Clubs of the Colony with printed subscription lists for display whenever the occasion arose.

This would serve the double purpose of helping on a good cause and doing away with an extremely distressing and undignified feature of local funerals.

Yours, etc.,
M. M. MAAS.

Hong Kong, March 4.

DAIRY FARM HERD

Official Denial of Rumours

HEALTH EXCELLENT

With regard to the rumours circulating regarding the health of the Company's herd, the Manager of the Dairy Farm Company assures the *China Mail* that they are entirely without foundation, the herd being in excellent health. He adds:—

The fact that the milk shortage followed so closely after the outbreak of rinderpest amongst the native dairies at Tai Hang is no doubt responsible for these rumours, but our herd is 85 per cent. immune against rinderpest, whilst the non-immune animals were all serumised against the disease prior to the local outbreak. Further, the Company has not lost an animal from the disease or during the immunisation period during the past three years. The shortage of milk is due to the fact that the demand is considerably heavier than is usual at this time of the year, and our yield is at the moment at its lowest ebb. The losses suffered by certain of the native dairies are to a certain extent responsible for the increased demand upon us.

We have just received a shipment of pedigree Ayrshire cattle, of which 15 will soon be in milk. The addition of these animals should go a long way toward taking care of the unexpected increased demand if such should continue throughout the summer.

We hope that the supply will be equal to the demand from April 1.

FORGED NOTE

Thrown Into Water by Foki

CLEVER IMITATION

Tsoi Kan, a foki of a shop in Laichikok Road, was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Whyte-Smith sentenced to four months' hard labour, on being convicted of the possession of a $100 bank note of the Chartered Bank.

Mr. F. C. Moodie, sub-accountant of the Bank, gave expert evidence as to the forgery. He stated that the note was a forgery which would deceive anyone. One fault about it was that the red colouring on the background was too bright, and the wording and lettering on the face were rather dull as compared with those on genuine notes.

A police searcher at the Shamshuipo Ferry Wharf, where the accused was arrested, said that the man, on seeing that the note was discovered to be a forged one, threw it into the water.

The accused stated that he got the $100 note in the course of business in Canton with salt junks, and he did not know it was a forgery.

GUNBOAT ASHORE

Chinese Vessel Loses Her Bearings

Returning to harbour at 8 p.m., yesterday, Lance Sergeant Hill, of the Water Police, who had been out on patrol on a Police launch, reported that at about 8.30 p.m., he sighted the Chinese gunboat Hung Ham on a rock at Ha Min Wan, Lama Island.

He visited the vessel and ascertained that she had been on the rock since Sunday when it was enveloped in a dense fog and lost her bearing.

The position of the Hung Ham is not a danger to navigation.

It is learned that a tug was immediately sent to the gunboat's assistance and is now engaged in getting her off the rock.

$100,000 FOR QUEEN

Gift of Wealthy American

Pittsburg, Yesterday.

The Sun-Telegraph announces that Mr. A. P. Moore, who was appointed to be American Ambassador (in Poland, but died prior to taking up his appointment, has bequeathed $25,000 to Signor Caruso's widow and $100,000 to the Queen of Spain.—Reuter.

KRAALS BOMBED

Terrorised Natives Rush To Mountains

According to the Exchange Telegraph Company's Johannesburg correspondent, victory without a single casualty on either side crowned the efforts of the authorities to capture the Transvaal rebel chief Sekonela, whose kraal was bombed from the air. The natives, terror-stricken, rushed down the mountain, and all, including Sekonela, surrendered to Colonel Lyle and the Native Commissioner, Mr. Biddulph.

Armed police appeared before Sekonela's kraal in the morning and delivered an ultimatum. As the chief did not reply to the demand for a surrender, a Union Air Force aeroplane circled round the kraal, first dropping bombs on either side as a warning, and later diving and bombing the huts, which were fired, the natives leaving them before-hand.

Sekonela, on being captured, was taken back to Sibasa, where native festivals are being held.

SANITARY BOARD

Food As Medium of Disease

SPITTING IN BAKEHOUSES

At the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board, held yesterday afternoon, a resolution was adopted to inquire from the Government whether it was considered that conditions were sufficiently normal to justify the introduction of by-laws for the registration of food preserving establishments.

The Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, in moving the resolution pointed out that as food was the medium for the spread of a number of diseases, it was right and proper that those who prepared food for sale should be subjected to reasonable rules and regulations made for the purpose of protecting the health of those who partook of such food.

In seconding the resolution the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga drew attention to the outcry against spitting in public and mentioned that as bakehouses were places where food was prepared very extensively in the Colony, the simple condition against the practice of spitting might be effectively incorporated in the licence.

The Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, (Director of Public Works) who presided in the absence of Mr. G. R. Sayer, said that Mr. Braga's commentary regarding spitting would be brought to the notice of the President.

Another motion was for the suspension for a period of six months of a warning notice requiring the removal of water closets at the New Mohammedan Rest-House at 30, Shelley Street. It was adopted by the meeting after the Chairman and Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga had pleaded for a benevolent attitude by the Board.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"Taming of the Shrew" To-day

"TRANSFORMATION" RECORD

A new record in "transformation" was established by the make-up department of Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks during the filming of "Taming of the Shrew" which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day.

More than 600 Hollywood extras were turned into citizens of the 15th century Italian city of Padua in the astounding time of two hours. Seven assistants; skilled in the use of cosmetics and crepe hair, were responsible for the performance. These seven artists arrived early at the studio lot, where the tremendous set representing a thoroughfare of the city had been erected, and laid their preparations for the handling of the large crowd. They were ready when the players arrived. Then the work started. For the men, flannels and berets gave way to velvet and fur, beards and tights. And the women discarded short-skirted chiffon for long trains trimmed with pearl. Turbans were replaced by gorgeous head dresses of the period.

Bobbed hair reached the waist with one wave of the wig maker's hand. Moustaches and beards grew in a twinkling. Flappers became matrons with a few deft strokes of rouge and lining pencil, and strange and colourful figures took their assigned places minutes before Director Sam Taylor gave the signal to start the cameras. Among the featured players to share in the transformation are Dorothy Jordan, Geoffrey Wardwell, Clyde Cook, Edwin Maxwell and Joseph Cawthorn, all of whom have important roles in support of Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks in "Taming of the Shrew."

"HELEN OF TROY"

Some highly interesting personalities are to be found in the large cast of "The Private Life of Helen of Troy," the big First National production which is drawing crowded houses to the Majestic Theatre.

Out of the most famous of these is Maria Corda, who plays the role of "Helen."

Lewis Stone has a background of colour and interest. A veteran of two wars, Stone is now a major in the U.S. Reserve Corps. He has been a popular figure on stage and screen for twenty years.

Constantino Romanoff and George Kossomaros are both well-known professional wrestlers; and, though both have done considerable picture-work, they were chosen mainly for their sinister mien and oddities of facial "architecture."

Mario Carillo was an Italian Count with a much longer and more unpronounceable name; Gus Partos, Charles Puffy, and Emilio Borgato are European actors of note.

Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail" March 5, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/- 7½d.

After 15 rounds of close fighting and a great deal of clenching the fight for the Welterweight Championship of the Colony between Sky Kerrison (holder) and Iron Hux was declared a draw by Mr. Logan, who officiated as referee.

Government Appointments:—Mr. Compere to act as Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood as Puisne Judge, Mr. E. A. Irving as First Police Magistrate.

CHINA ANNOYED WITH JAPANESE

TROUBLE OVER INCIDENT AT TSINGTAO CONCESSION

PROTEST TO CONSUL

Canton, Monday.

An occurrence which promises to result in diplomatic complications, took place at Tsingtao, when a Chinese named Lau Chup-mun, in the employment of a Japanese, was early last February arrested by the Japanese police on an alleged charge of larceny.

It will be recalled that ever since the rendition of Tsingtao in 1922, the Japanese have maintained a police station within their Consulate and established police boxes in the vicinity, while Japanese police patrol different points. The Chinese Government had opened negotiations for the withdrawal of the Japanese police but without effect.

In view of these circumstances, the Municipal Kuomintang party at Tsingtao has sent a despatch to the local Municipality to protest to the Japanese Consul against such action, and to petition the National Government to negotiate with the Japanese Legation for the removal of the police station.—Canton News Agency.

RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 metres:—

5-6 p.m.—European Programme of H.M.V. & Victor Records by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie & Company.

"The Beautiful Galathea"—Overture (Suppe, arr. Artok),
Berlin State Opera Orchestra.
"The Kerry Dance" (Molloy),
"Travellers All of Every Station" (Balfe) .....Peter Dawson.
"Gavotte Tendre" (Hillemacher),
"Menuet" (Debussy) ...Pablo Casals.
"Liebesfreud" (Love's Joy),
Sergei Rachmaninoff.
"Oh, That We Two Were Maying" (Charles Kingsley-Ethelbert Nevin),
"The Beaming Eyes" (W. H. Gardner-Edward A. MacDowell),
Lawrence Tibbett.
"Dance Orientale",
"March of the Caucasian Chief",
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
"God Will Take Care of You" (C. D. Martin-W. S. Martin),
"Beautiful Isles of Somewhere" (Jessie B. Pounds-John S. Ecaris),
Marion Talley.
"That Wanderful Something"—Fox Trot,
"Chant of the Jungle"—Fox Trot,
Nat Shilkret and the Victor Orchestra.
"Home, Sweet Home",
"Last Rose of Summer",
Amelita Galli-Curci.

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-9 p.m.—Experimental Programme.

9-9.15 p.m. — Lecture from Columbia Records by courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music & Company.

"The Changing School",
By Doctor F. B. Ballard, M.A., D. Litt.

9.15-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of H.M.V. & Victor Records by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie & Company.

"Pomp & Circumstance" (Elgar),
London Symphony Orchestra.
"Drake's Drum" ("Songs of the Sea"—Stanford),
"Outward Bound" ....Peter Dawson.
"Till Eulenspiefels Lustige Streiche" (R. Strauss),
London Symphony Orchestra.
"To Pass the Time Away",
"Once Upon a Time",
Melville Gideon.
"Sylvia Ballet—Pizzicati" (Delibes),
"Sylvia Ballet—Intermezzo and Valse Lente", ..San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.
"Mirage" (Coates),
"I Singari" (Leoncavallo),
De Groot—Violin, David Bor—Piano, H. M. Calve—'Cello.
"No News" (or "What Killed the God"),
"The Three Trees" (Tom McNaughton),
Frank Crumit.
"Le Petit Ane Blanc" (The Little White Donkey),
"Rococo" (Palmgren),
Benno Moiseivitch.
"The Lute Player" (Allitsen),
"The Floral Dance" (Moss),
Peter Dawson.
"Scarf Dance" (Chaminade),
"The Flatterer" .....Hans Barth.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

TWO BURGLARIES

Mr. A. E. Hall, solicitor, has reported to the Police that a thief entered his office in Queen's Road Central some time between 7 and 9 a.m. yesterday and stole a wall clock and an electric fan worth together at $25.

Miss Guadalupe Villa, living at 158, Sai Yung Choi Street, Kowloon, has reported to the Police that during last night some one broke into her flat and stole money and jewellery to the value of $154.

DOLLAR DIRECTORY

Features of This Year's Local Compendium

FULLER THAN EVER

After months of preparation, correcting and deleting of names and adding of new ones, the Hong Kong Directory, more familiarly known as "the Dollar Directory" is ready to be launched upon the public. The labours of the staff of the Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd., in compiling this 1930 edition have been really prodigious, yet their toil has been well repaid, for this year's volume contains more information than ever. Indeed, every office or private house should possess a copy of this useful compendium, which contains a store of information necessary to both the businessman and the visitor.

The first section comprises a calendar for 1930, a calendar of Chinese cycles, a map of Hong Kong, the figures of population together with a list of all nationalities resident in the Colony, an historical sketch of Hong Kong, a table of hours of sunrise and sunset, the Hong Kong Storm Signal Code (illustrated with diagrams of the signals), a customs tariff for liquor and tobacco, a time-table for the Kowloon-Canton Railway, Hong Kong Tramways, the motor coach service and the Peak Tramways, Postal information, (including information on documentary stamp duties), list of legal fares for taxis, rikishas and chairs, traffic regulations, Chinese and Japanese weights, measures and money, a metric conversion table, table of Greenwich mean time, list of the Royal Family, table of calculating interest, the 1921 census of the British Empire, and British weights and measures.

The second section is devoted to local Associations and Clubs, Chinese Customs, Churches and Missions, Consuls, Government Offices, Hospitals, Justices of the Peace, Masonic Societies, Military Command and Volunteers, Naval Command, Schools and Colleges.

The third section deals with business houses, the fourth with agencies, whilst the fifth is a "Who's Who" of residents and the sixth a directory of private residences. The seventh and eighth sections give ladies' residences general in Hong Kong and Kowloon whilst the ninth is a list of Peak residents. The last section deals especially with Canton, giving a full list of Hongs, Clubs, Associations, Churches, Missions, and Residences, etc., in the City. In fact, the Dollar Directory comprises every phase of commercial and social life in the Colony, and it should find a prominent place upon every desk.

FRENCH FLOODS

Worst for a Hundred Years

HEARTRENDING SCENES

Paris, Yesterday.

The worst floods for a hundred years are afflicting a number of towns and villages in the South of France.

The most serious are in the Montauban district where the inhabitants were roused from their beds by the roar of the waters from the River Tarn bursting its banks. They fled, scantily clothed, as the stream invaded their homes. Many collapsed and several were drowned.

A dozen Dragoons are engaged in rescue work. At present a boat is missing. It was seen to capsize and it is feared that some soldiers were in it.

Deaths are reported from the villages of St. Antonin, Perpigman, Mazamet and Lethore.

Six hundred workers are marooned in a cereal factory at Villemur.

Rafts are being improvised to rescue girls from a school at Orguell.

The waters of the River Tarn are strewn with wreckage—wine casks, uprooted trees and even motor cars.

Conditions Worse

Toulouse, Yesterday.

Hitherto twenty people are known to have perished in the floods, which are spreading, and the outlook is very serious.

The village of Castres is completely submerged.

The mayor's house and other buildings have collapsed at Villemur, which is isolated, the inhabitants being visible crouching on roofs and desperately signalling for aid, but hitherto it has been impossible to reach many of them.—Reuter.

Soldiers Drowned

Paris, Yesterday.

Over 40 people are so far known to have perished in the floods, including seven soldiers performing rescue work in the neighbourhood of Albi. The death roll is unofficially estimated at one hundred. A dam has burst near Moisac and the waters have overflowed into fresh areas.—Reuter.

Damages of £500 were awarded in the King's Bench Division to Miss Dinah Shurey, of Clarges Street Mayfair, W., a film producer and managing director of Britannia Films, Ltd., in her libel action against W. Speaight and Sons, Ltd., and English Newspapers, Ltd., respectively, the printers and publishers of the Film Weekly.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

G. R.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. S. 81.—IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS in Triplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR QUARRY," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of MONDAY, the 17th day of March, 1930, for the occupation for a period ending 31st December, 1931, from the date of notification of acceptance of tender, of any or either of the pieces or parcels of ground referred to in the schedule hereunder, shown coloured red on plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 21st February, 1930, but, subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of $100 in respect of any quarry as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO ABOVE

Quarry No.	Locality.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Upset Annual Fee.
Kowloon No. 12	Tai Kok Tsui	1.40	$450
Kowloon No. 13	„	1.10	$700
Kowloon No. 14	„	1.70	$575

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.

28th February, 1930.

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

THE OFFICES and STATIONS of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on WEDNESDAY, the 12th March, 1930.

J. M. H. OSBORNE,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon & District.
York Buildings,
Hong Kong, 4th March, 1930.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances of Hong Kong.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd day of March, 1930, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1929, and re-electing Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th day of March, 1930, until SATURDAY, the 22nd day of March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1930.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1929.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1930.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 8th March, 1930, commencing at 2 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5 for Gentlemen and $2 for Ladies, are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $1 for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1930.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON
FRIDAY, March 7, 1930,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.,
at Sailors' Home (West Point).
A Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising:—
Iron Beds, Tables, Chairs, Sideboards, Dressing Tables, Benches, Pictures, Cooking Stove, etc.
also
A Quantity of Porcelain Wash Basins, One Piano, One Hot Water System,
and
One Billiard Table.
On View from Thursday, March 6, 1930.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, March 5, 1930.

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ON
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At the inquest at Newton Abbot, Devon, on Mrs. Elizabeth Hext and Herman Henry Hext, of Brembridge Farm, Wodland, Devon, the jury found that the husband murdered the wife by shooting her in the back and committed suicide while of Unsound Mind.

The Home Office has refused the request of the Gateshead (Durham) town council to inquire into the decision of the Watch Committee not to punish the two constables recently successfully sued for assault damages.

The Prince of Wales has promised to visit the Bath and West Agricultural show to be held this year at Torquay.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 10th day of March, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About	$	$
1	Inland Lot No. 3036.	Adjoining Tsilloni Estate, Wong Nei Chung.	As per sale plan.				3,600	20	13,125

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No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Sq. feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	$	$
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2110.	Near Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.	As per sale plan.				7,600	52	3,750

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1317.	Junction of Cheung Sha Wan Road and Kweilin Street.	As per sale plan.				5,030	34	7,545

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			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	$	$
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1317.	Junction of Cheung Sha Wan Road and Kweilin Street.	As per sale plan.				2,007	16	3,010

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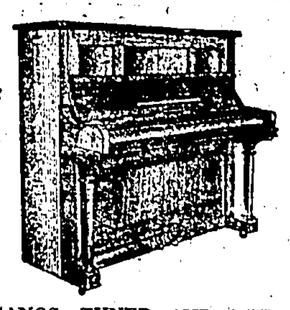

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KING'S COLLEGE SPEECH DAY

(Continued from Page 1.)

It is proposed to extend the movement further and if Funds permit to organise a small Division each year.

It is worthy of note that at least two other Educational Institutions —St. Joseph's College and the Tutorial Institute have organised Ambulance Divisions.

Nothing can be more useful and beneficial to the community than a knowledge of First Aid and the alleviation of suffering.

General

During the Summer Vacation the Class Rooms were used for classes in English and Chinese, the Library for reading and private study, the workshop for woodwork, the Photography Room for developing and printing, and the Pool for Swimming—in fact the building was accessible at all reasonable hours to boys who had registered their names and signified their intention of doing definite work during vacation time.

I attach as much importance to voluntary work done out of hours as to that done during the ordinary Time Table periods, as it engenders a better understanding between master and pupil, and breaks down barriers which are in evidence in the class room.

Much of what is being done is only possible through the retention of what are termed "Summer Hours," an innovation which makes for better work all round.

Medical

Inspection by the Medical Officer for Schools took place in April and November.

Our grateful appreciation is due to the courtesy and attention which our pupils have received at the hands of the staff of the Government Civil Hospital. Scarcely a day passes but two or three cases are sent there for treatment.

Donations

It is with pleasure and satisfaction that I record the following benefactions—

1. Mr. Kwok Siu-lau: $2,500—for the purpose of founding the Kwok Siu-lau scholarship.
2. Mr. Kwok Hin-wang: The "Arden Shakespeare" in 39 volumes at a cost of £15 stg.
3. Ho Kom-tong: $100—K.C. Ambulance Division.
4. Mr. Li Ping: $96, an annnual prize for the best paper in a special examination in Chinese in the Senior Classes.
5. The University: $50 for additions to the Library.
6. Chinese Merchants' Club & Sports' Club: Illustrated papers for Library.
7. The Numerous Subscribers to the Prize Fund.

It is hoped that other benefactions will be forthcoming and will take the form of Scholarships or of paintings for the Great Hall, and of gifts of books to the Library.

Scholarships direct from the College to the University are hoped for.

Visitors

Teachers and others interested in Education from Japan, Formosa, Canton, and Australia, have visited the school, all being unanimous in their praise of the advantages which King's College offers.

Accommodation

As already remarked our accommodation is not equal to the demands which are being made upon it; some hundreds of applicants for admission are turned away each term.

The question of the provision of a Junior or Preparatory School in which to accommodate the lower divisions, becomes a matter of urgent necessity.

In conclusion I wish to thank my staff for their loyal co-operation: the donors of special prizes: and Your Excellency for sparing the time to grace this morning's proceedings with your honoured presence.

Donors

The head master also returned thanks to the following donors:—

Mr. Kwok Siu-lau (a scholarship of $2,500; $200 for the College Ambulance Division and donation towards the prize fund), Mr. Kwok Hin-wang ($150 for the Library), Mr. Ho Kom-tong ($100 for the College Ambulance Division), Mr. Li Ping (special Chinese prize—$96), Hong Kong University ($50 for the Library), Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Mr. Wong Ping-suen, Mr. Lam Woo, Mr. Ng Chung-wa, Mr. Chan Tien-son, Mr. Ip Lar-chuen, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. Kong E. Suen, Mr. M. P. Lo, Mr. Wong Tak-kwong, Mr. Ng Wah, Mr. Yeung Chung-kan, Mr. Cheuk Ming-shan, Mr. Ho Pak-sum, Mrs. Ng Choa-shi, Mr. Hin-shing Lo, Mr. Fung Ping-shan, Mr. Ho Ngok-lau, Mr. Ho Iu, Mr. S. C. Pank, Mr. Chan U-chuen, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Mr. Choa Po-sin, Mr. Ma Tsui-chiu, Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu, Mr. M. H. Yo, Mr. Na Se-mil, Mr. Lo Chap-son, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. Chau Yue-tong, Mr. Chow Hing, Mr. Tang Po-ki, Chinese Merchants' Club & Sports' Club Illustrated papers for Library, Mr. Ip Sau-chi, Mr. Chan Shak-shan, The Sun Company, Mr. Chan Shu-cheung, Mr. Chau Tung-shang, Mr. Hang Yuk-ming, Mr. Wong Iu-tung, Mr. Pun Wai-kuk, Mr. Lo Innin, Dr. Coxon To.

His Excellency's Address

His Excellency addressed the gathering as follows:—

It is only a few days ago that I was speaking to the boys of the other great Hong Kong Government school, I mean Queen's College, at their annual prize distribution, and it is almost impossible to avoid comparisons and contrasts between the older and the younger institution—the one with its traditions to live up to; the other with its traditions to create. You have been in existence as King's College for only just over three years, and in that time you have more than doubled your numbers until, as the head master has pointed out, you have now reached the maximum number the school can hold, namely 940. But you must not forget that you have material advantages which Queen's College cannot offer. Queen's College prospers in spite of its surroundings; you, on the other hand, have one of the finest school buildings in the East, fitted almost regardless of cost with everything which the heart of the most modern educational enthusiast can desire.

An Air Of Modernism

There is an air of modernism about King's College which must inspire enthusiasm. You cannot work in this fine new building without being infected with that spirit of progress of which your Head Master is a living embodiment, and your school buildings a concrete example. I was, therefore, not surprised to learn that, of your four University students of this year, one has taken medicine and one specialised chemistry. The boys who study science in your splendidly equipped laboratories have opportunities of which they should be quick to take advantage, and the Government will be disappointed if King's College does not turn out men who will put to practical use for the benefit of Hong Kong and China generally the opportunities they have been given in their school.

A Practical Spirit

I have very pleasant recollections of a visit I paid to King's College a year or more ago when I came to see you all at work. I was very struck then with the practical spirit which seemed to pervade the school, and in the Head Master's record of your activities I am glad to find the correctness of my impression confirmed. Your woodwork class is a most encouraging feature. It has often been said that Chinese boys, though willing enough to learn from books, are none too ready to soil their hands with practical work. You are out to show that this criticism is unjust, and I congratulate you on your efforts. I hope you will extend your activities in technical subjects, for there is much to be learned at the bench which you cannot learn from books alone.

Boy Scout Troop

I was also delighted to hear that you have a Boy Scout Troop at King's College. I have the greatest faith in the Boy Scout movement for the formation of character. You boys have much to learn before you will know the real meaning of leadership without arrogance, of service without self-aggrandisement, and of liberty without licence. The Boy Scout movement offers you an unequalled opportunity of learning these things in the most enjoyable way, and I urge you to give it your wholehearted support.

Ambulance Work

I congratulate you on your participation in the work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. You cannot learn too early in your lives the joy that comes of voluntary service for others, and, as your head master has said, there is no work more useful and beneficial to the community than the alleviation of human suffering. You have in your Head Master, as in the Director of Education himself, an enthusiast in ambulance work, and I rejoice to find that he has infected you with his own enthusiasm.

Your are fortunate in the possession of a most attractive swimming pool, and I am very glad to hear that our expenditure on that very modern adjunct of public school life has met with such prompt appreciation. Swimming is fine healthy exercise and goes well with ambulance work in a Colony whose life is so intimately connected with the sea.

"Size Not Everything"

I offer my congratulations to the head master and his staff on the excellent record disclosed in the annual report. You are now the largest of our public schools, but I would warn you that size is not everything. Quality is of much more importance than size—David, you may remember, was far more effective than Goliath—and I noticed with regret that your examination results were not up to the standard of last year. You must not imagine that the finest results can be achieved without hard work, however good the tools provided for your use. You have the good tools here. It is for you to use them to the best advantage; and in so doing you will not only enhance the reputation of King's College; you will at the same time be forming your own characters and equipping yourselves by honest effort for the wider life which lies before you when your school days are over. (Applause).

The Prize Winners

The full list of prize winners was as under:—

Matriculation

1. Wai Po-wang: Honours Distinctions in Maths. and Mechanics, Government Education Scholarship, Drawing.
2. Lau Tak-cheuk: Honours, Government Education Scholarship.
3. Wu Hung-tak: Pass, Woo Hay-tong Scholarship.
4. Nau Wai-tong: Pass.
5. Kong Sau-yuen: Pass, Drawing.
6. Laurence Long: Pass.

Senior Local

7. Kong Sau-yui: Pass, Senior Local, Distinction Maths.
8. Kwong Sham-kok: Pass, Senior Local.
9. Wong Shut-hi: Pass, Senior Local.
10. Choy Wai-lam: Pass, Senior Local.
11. Lee Ping-cheung: Pass, Senior Local.

Junior Local 1

1. Walter Sue: Distinction in Biblical Knowledge, Belilios Senior Scholarship.
2. Lau Hon-hing: Distinction in Maths., Woo Hay-tong Scholarship (Junior).
3. Tam Yam-fu: Distinction in Arith. and Maths., Woo Hay-tong Scholarship (Junior).
4. Kam Nai-fai: Distinction in Maths., Belilios Junior Scholarship.
5. Ng Cheung-tak: Alfred Morris Scholarship.
6. Kwok Tai-chu: Ho Tung Scholarship.
7. Chui Sze-wai: Chan Pek-chuen Scholarship and Chinese Prize.
8. Ng Shun-shin: Distinction in Maths. and Arith.
9. Fung Ming-sai: Distinction in Maths.
10. So Hung-ki.

Junior Local 2

11. To Shiu-hon: Junior Local.
12. Chan Fook-hing: Junior Local.
13. Chan Yuen-yui: Junior Local.
14. Ho Kwan-man: Junior Local.
15. Lam Tung: Junior Local.

Chinese Prizes

Kam Yung-kan and Tam Man-seung.

Class 3A

Ho Chee-hung: Hu Cheong Scholarship & Chinese Prize.

Pun Pik-hin: Lee Ping Prize and Chinese Prize.

Class Prizes

Un Ping-chau and Chinese Prize, Cheng King-shing and Chinese Prize, Pun Kam-tin and Chinese Prize, Cheng Kwai-yu, Li Chi-tim, Chan Wing-kuen and Chinese Prize, Fung Fa-lun, Ho Hung-sui, Clement Long, Ho Wing-shing and Chinese Prize.

Chinese Prizes

Ip Choi-ting, Tse Shau-ping and Chan Kam-chuen.

Class 3B

Wong Kam-chuen: Chinese Prize; Chan Wai-chee: Chinese Prize and Ying Pak Chuen: Chinese Prize.

Class 3C

Yu Ki-ip: Drawing Prize and Kwan Iu-sun: Chinese Prize.

Class 4A

Ho Chok-nam: Alan Morris Scholarship & Chinese Prize; Tse Hin-hon: Government Scholarship; Yung Yun-man: Government Scholarship & Chinese Prize; Un Kingming: Government Scholarship & Chinese Prize; Tsui Lai-fan: Government Scholarship & Chinese Prize; Chan Chee-sun: Government Scholarship & Chinese Prize; Chui Put-wai: Government Scholarship; Chan Sui-ki: Government Scholarship; Wong Shing-tsik: Government Scholarship; Cheung Lai-tat: Government Scholarship; Hiu Shing-kai: Chan Shek-shan Scholarship; Chak Fuk-yat: Belilios Scholarship and Tang Chun $50.

Chinese Prizes

Un King-kong, Choi Po-cho and Lui Yuk-wa and drawing prize.

Class 4B

Lau King-pun: Chinese Prize; Au Man-so: Drawing Prize; Yeung Chui-ting: Class Prize; Lui Ching-wa: Class Prize; Kong Ling-tang: Class Prize.

Class 4C

Fung Tai-yuen: Chinese Prize and Leung Yau-shiu: Chinese Prize.

Class 4D

Wong Kwai-wing.

Class 5A

Lo King-sun: Government Scholarship; Lau Kwong-chung: Woo Hay-tong Scholarship; Yuen Lai-chuen: Woo Hay-tong Scholarship and Wong Kun-chi: Ho Kom-tong and Chinese Prize.

Prizes

Leung Sze-cheung, Wong Chi-ping, Yuen Ka-lung and Lai Yuen-ping (drawing).

Class 5B

Lo Mau-ling: Chinese Prize.

Class 5C

Ko Ping-jam: English Prize and Ting Chung-kit: Chinese Prize.

Class 6A

Chung Hon-ki: Government Scholarship and Chinese Prize; Chau Wa-king: Woo Hay-tong Scholarship; Ho Wing-shun: Woo Hay-tong Scholarship and Chan Kee-tong: Ralphs Scholarship.

Class Prizes

Tam Kwok-wing, Li Yick-chung and Poon Chun-ho.

Chinese Prizes

Chan Kai-fun, Ip Tai-kung, Ho Chuen-on and Lo Ting-kit.

Class 6B

Li Yuk-tong; Chan Sze-hung: Chinese Prize; Cheung Hin-chee: Chinese Prize and Lui Shiu-wa: Chinese Prize.

Class 6D

Cham Yim-sang: Chinese Prize.

Class 6E

Yu Yik-keung: Chinese Prize.

Class 7A

Leung Chung-kan: Government Scholarship & Chinese Prize; Leung Pui-wah: Woo Hay-tong Scholarship & Chinese Prize; Lo Ping-son: Woo Hay-tong Scholarship & Chinese Prize and Ip Kin-lung: Mok Kon-sang Scholarship.

Class Prizes

Low Mo-kei and Chinese Prize, Im Yee-cheong, Cheung Yam-hung and Chan Sui-fai.

Chinese Prizes

Yung Foo-yuen and Tong Tin-yau.

Class 7B

Tse Chu-ting: Chinese Prize and Poon Ying-lun: Chinese Prize.

Class 8A

Leung Mo-fan: Government Scholarship; Wu Hei-tak: Woo Hay-tong Scholarship; Ng Wah-kang: Woo Hay-tong Scholarship and Lok Kai-wing: Mok Kon-sang and Chinese Prize.

Prizes

Tai Tso-kin and Chinese Prize, Chan Ching-man and Chinese Prize and Chan Sien-chong and Chinese Prize.

Chinese Prizes

Wong Sai-cheong and Kun Sui-kiu.

Class 8B

Hui Cheung-kei, Ng Wah-kwan, Lam Iu-pun and Li Wong-wah and Chinese Prize.

Class 8C

Fong Sik-wa, Wong Nei-kuen and Tsang Pui-fan.

Class 8D

Li Hin-shing, Choi Kai-hon and Chan Chun-woon.

A Holiday Granted

At the conclusion of the prize distribution, the head master called for three cheers and a "tiger" for His Excellency, who in turn called for cheers for the staff and the visitors.

The head master then announced that His Excellency had asked that a holiday be granted to the boys on Saturday, which called forth renewed cheers.

A ROYAL VISIT

The Crown Prince of Denmark Here

ON WAY TO JAPAN

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince Christian Frederick of Denmark, accompanied by his brother, Prince Knud, and Prince and Princess Axel, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday aboard the motor vessel Fionia. The visit is an unofficial one, but members of the Danish community gathered at Kowloon wharf to greet the Prince and his party, who are on their way to pay official visits to the Court of Japan, and the Government of China. They have already paid an official visit to the Court of Siam.

The party made an unofficial landing this morning, and lunched at Government House. To-night they will be entertained at dinner at the Peninsula Hotel by the local Danish community.

The Royal party, it is understood, will leave for Shanghai to-night.

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He exclaimed, in reply,
"I'm shooting a duck for a lark!"

He awoke to the distant chiming of a church clock. Once more he must take up the burden of life, and as he staggered to his feet the full force of that bitter winter's morning gripped him. He glanced at the low-hanging snow clouds, heard with a shiver the icy wind moaning in the trees. His clothes were so pitifully inadequate; a pair of shoes with soles that had never been watertight, shapeless trousers and a threadbare cloak.

He stumbled forward — a few steps only, for at sight of a still pool of water he stopped abruptly. He knew that he need only plunge into that quiet pool and, as with closed eyes he sank beneath its waters, all knowledge of cold and weariness would pass from him.

He would take the plunge! .... The water heaved to receive his body.

A moment later a pair of anxious, searching eyes peered across the churning wavelets.

"Dash it!" he muttered, clambering reluctantly out of the bath, "I've forgotten my towel."

He was an ardent lover but a poor speller. He thought it safer to write to the girl's father for her hand. His note ran: "I want your daughter—the flour of your family."

"'The flour of my family is good,'" replied the old man. "Are you sure it isn't my dough you're after?"

Jack: "Mary is all right if you know how to take her."

Dick: "I hate these people who have to be labelled like a bottle of medicine!"

The defendant in the breach of promise action was a singularly ugly little man.

"Gentlemen of the jury," said his counsel, "you've heard the evidence of the plaintiff, and you've doubtless admired her. Now, do you believe this enchanting, this fascinating, this captivating, this accomplished girl would favour the advances or listen, save with scorn, to the amorous protestations of the wretched and repulsive creature, the deformed and degraded defendant?"

His client tried to interrupt. "Silence, sir!" replied his counsel, in an undertone.

"Gentlemen," he continued, "do you think this girl would ever have permitted an offer of marriage to be made her by this miserable atom of humanity, who would have to stand on a penny to look over twopence?"

The jury thought not.

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STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank ....$	1345	...	1350	...	Dec.	Final £1 a/c 1929 ex. 1/7/1—$10.23	Feb. 24, 30
Chartered Bank .....£	...	...	...	16½	Dec.	Interim 7/- a/c 1929 free I/Tax	Sept. 12, 29
Mercantile Bk., A&B.£	...	...	...	20	Dec.	Int. 20/- a/c 1929 less I/Tax	Oct. — 29
" C.£	...	...	...	15½			
Bank of Asia .....$	98	...	...	...	Dec.	$3 for 1929	Feb. 28, 30
Insurances.							
Canton Ins. .....$	760	...	...	...	Dec.	Final $22 for 1927 Interim $18 a/c 1928 — $40	May 23, 29
Union Ins. .....$	198	...	392	...	Dec.	Final 10/- for 1927 Interim 24/- a/c 1928 — £2	May 24, 29
China Underwriters..$	...	1½	...	...	Dec.	None	...
China Fire Ins. .....$	340	...	...	...	Dec.	Final $3 bonus $5 for 1927 Interim $3 a/c 1929 — $18	May 24, 29
H. K. Fire Ins. .....$	895	...	...	...	Dec.	$13 for 1927	Mar. 26, 29
Shipping.							
Douglases .....$	...	24	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
H. K. Steamboats ...$	...	....	...	26	Dec.	$1-50 for 1929	Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.) ...$	...	...	...	45	Dec.	12/- ex. 2/- on preferred for 1924 and 1925	June 19, 29
,, (Def. ...$	...	...	...	70		Last dividend for 1921	...
Shell Transports ....s/-	...	...	...	98/6	Dec.	Int. 2/- Coupon No. 55 free I/Tax a/c 1929	Jan. 6, 30
Union Waterboats ....$	26½	...	...	...	Dec.	$1-50 for 1929	Pending
Mining.							
Benguets .....$	6½	....	...	...	Dec.	Interim 20 centavos a/c 1929	Dec. — 29
Kailan Mining Ad. s/-	...	...	...	50/-	June	Final 2/- free I/Tax Coupon No. 35 year 30-6-29	Dec. 17, 29
Langkat (Comb.)...Tls.	...	...	...	13.60	Oct.	Last div. for year 31-10-27	...
,, (Single) ...Tls.	...	...	...	7½			...
S'hai Exploration...Tls.	...	...	...	1.30	Dec.	None	...
,, Loans .....Tls.	...	...	...	5	Dec.	Last dividend for 1926	...
Raubs .....$	16	...	...	...	Mar.	Interim 1/6 a/c year 31-3-30	Dec. 13, 29
Tronoh Mines .....s/-	...	...	...	21/-	Dec.	4½d. Iess tax Coupon No. 91	Sep. 30, 29
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves..$	151	153	...	...	Dec.	$9 for 1929	Pending
H. K. & W. Docks...$	82	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
China Providents .....$	5.80	5½	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
Hongkews .....Tls.	200	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 3 a/c 1929	Sep. 13, 29
N. Engineerings ...Tls.	7.80	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 0.60 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
Shanghai Docks ...Tls.	125	...	...	...	Apr.	T. 7.50 for year 30-4-29	July 27, 29
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cottons .....Tls.	...	...	...	16	Dec.	Final T. 2 a/c 1929	Pending
S'hai Cotton (old)..Tls.	83	...	...	...	Apr. and Oct.	T. 2-50 old for half year T. 1-25 now 31-10-29	Nov. 26, 28
,, (new)..Tls.	...	...	...	82			
Zoong Sings .....Tls.	...	...	...	10	June	T. 0-50 for year 30-6-29	Oct. 11, 29
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H.K. & S. Hotels ...$	13.10	...	13	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
H. K. Lands .....$	64	...	...	...	Dec.	Final $2 a/c 1929	Feb. 19, 30
Shanghai Lands ...Tls.	220	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 3 a/c 1929	July 31, 29
Humphreys .....$	14	...	...	...	Dec.	$1 for 1928	Feb. 6, 29
H. K. Realties .....$	...	8.80	...	...	Dec.	Interim 30 cents a/c 1929	Aug. 12, 29
Chinese Estates .....$	...	98	...	...	Feb.	$1 for year 28-2-29	June 5, 29
Public Utilities.							
H. K. Tramways ....$	19.90	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 50 cents a/c 1929	Pending
Peak Trams (old) ....$	...	...	...	11½	Apr.	$1 on old for year 50 cts on new 30-4-29	June, 7, 29
,, (new) ....$	...	...	...	6.95			
Star Ferries .....$	...	67½	...	...	Dec.	$4 for 1929	Feb. 14, 30
China Light .....$	19.30	...	19.35	1.40	Sept.	Final cts. 45 (old) for year cents 10.73 (new) 30-9-29	Dec. 23, 29
H. K. Electrics .....$	...	...	...	60½	Dec.	$2.50 for 1929	Pending.
Macao ,, ...$	28	....	...	...	Dec.	.....	...
Sandakan Lights ....$	4½	...	...	...	June	None	...
H.K. Telephones ....$	10	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 10 cents a/c 1929	Sep. 18, 29
China Buses .....Tls.	17.90	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 0.80 for 1928	Feb. 21, 29
S'pore Tractions(Ord.)s/-	...	10/-	...	...	Sept.	1/4½ on preference shares Subject to income tax.	Feb. 6, 30
,, (Pref.)s/-	16/3	...	...	...			
Industrials.							
China Sugars .....$	75 c.	...	...	...	...	In Liquidation.	...
Malabon Sugars .....$	...	...	...	27	Dec.	Pe. 3 for 1928	April 11, 29
Cald: Macg. Ord...Tls.	...	...	...	10	Dec.	Incorporated in May 1929	...
,, Pref. ..Tls.	...	...	...	10			...
Canton Ices .....$	...	...	...	2½	July	None	...
Cements (comb.) ....$	15.15	...	15.20	...			
,, (old).....$	...	...	...	10.80	Dec.	80 cents on old 108 cents on new for 1929	Pending.
,, (new).....$	...	...	...	4½			
H. K. Ropes .....$	...	7.85	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
United Asbestos .....$	*5*	...	...	...	...	.....	...
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farms .....$	...	...	...	12.80	Dec.	$1.60 for 1929	Pending
Watsons .....$	...	11½	...	...	Oct.	80 cents for year 31-10-28	Mar. 28, 29
Def. A Wings .....$	30 c.	...	...	...	...	.....	...
Lane Crawfords ... $	9½	...	...	...	Feb.	Last dividend for year 28-2-26	...
Mackintosh .....$	18	...	...	...	Feb.	$2 for year 28-2-29	April 11, 29
Sincere .....$	...	...	...	12	...	.....	...
Wm. Powells .....$	2½	...	...	...	Feb.	25 cents for year 28-2-29	June 10, 29
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusement ....$	28	...	...	...	Mar.	$2.50 on Preferred for year $1.50 on Deferred $1-3-29	July 6, 29
H. K. Constructions..$	...	...	...	1.80	Dec.	None	...
B. Ind. C.$ Bonds ...	80%	...	...	...	...	.....	...
H. K. Govt. Loans ..$	84%	Prem	...	...	...	Interest half yearly	...

Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL

The Rangers Beat Queen's Park

SCOTTISH LEAGUE GAME

Glasgow, Yesterday.

In the Scottish League to-day, the Rangers beat Queen's Park by three goals to one, thus repeating their success in the Scottish Cup tie. The match was played on the amateurs' ground, Hampden Park. The Rangers, in spite of their sensational defeat at home by the Hearts, on February 22, are still a long way ahead in the League table, and their chances of "doing the double"—taking both the League Championship and the Cup—are very rosy.—Reuter.

The League table to date is as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Rangers	29	23	3	3	73	24	49
Aberdeen	31	19	5	7	69	49	43
Motherwell	29	17	4	8	69	44	38
St. Mirren	30	17	2	11	62	41	36
Celtic	29	16	4	9	69	37	36
Kilmarnock	30	13	9	8	58	51	35
Partick	29	14	6	9	63	45	34
Hearts	29	12	9	8	59	50	33
Queen's Pk.	33	14	4	15	61	61	32
Ayr	30	13	4	13	55	72	30
Hamilton	28	11	5	12	59	59	27
Clyde	30	9	8	13	50	60	26
Cowdenbeath	28	9	7	12	48	50	25
Falkirk	27	9	7	11	45	53	25
Dundee	29	9	5	15	33	46	23
Hibernians	29	7	9	13	36	48	23
Airdrie	28	10	2	16	39	47	22
Morton	31	8	6	17	57	79	22
Dundee U.	30	6	4	20	39	85	16
St. J'stone	31	4	7	20	30	73	15

British Army Beaten

London, Yesterday.

The British Army were beaten by the French Army in the Army International tournament to-day by two goals to one. The game was played in Paris.—Reuter.

[This is the second defeat suffered by the British Army team in the tournament, as they were beaten at Selhurst Park on February 8 by the Belgians, who won by four goals to two.]

Local Football

A meeting of the Football Association Council will be held in the Association Offices, French Bank Buildings, at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11.

The business includes:—
Shield Finals.

To elect two members on the League Management Committee.

To elect one member on the Referees' Committee.

To fix ground for *Sunday Herald* Cup final.

HOCKEY

Club "A" Team Versus University

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" in their match with the University at King's Park at 5.15 p.m. on Friday.—R. W. Sapsed, T. R. Rowell, G. Rankin (Captain), A. A. R. Botelho, E. G. S. Dale, G. A. L. Plummer, S. J. H. Fox, Major Kerrich, L. G. Frost, R. H. D. Wade, K. H. Batger.

Recreio v. University

The following will represent the Club de Recreio in a hockey match against the Hong Kong University to-day, at King's Park ground at 5 p.m. sharp:—C. Barros, H. R. Pinna, D. C. Alves, R. Silva-Netto, F. Barros, F. V. Ribeiro, J. M. Alves, H. A. Noronha, A. M. Xavier, A. P. Eca da Silva and J. A. de V. Soares.

SWIMMING POOL AT TUNGSHAN

Canton, Monday.

Instead of the present matsheds, new buildings with modern facilities for swimming will be completed by the end of May at Tungshan at a cost of not less than $30,000, said to be donated by Admiral Chan Chak and Mr. Chow Ting-pong, the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.—Canton News Agency.

GOLF

Scotland Defeat England in Canton

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, Yesterday.

Last Sunday Scotland defeated England by 8 points to 4 in the Triangular Golf Tournament (both having previously defeated America, the former by 10 points to 2, the latter by 7 to 5). There were some close games, three matches finishing on the last green.

The results after the singles in the morning were 4 points to 2 in favour of Scotland:—

Scotland

W. Galloway	0
J. M. Walker (5 & 3)	1
J. T. Smith (2 up)	1
A. T. Lay (3 & 2)	1
W. Stratton (1 up)	1
R. O. Rutherford	0
	4

England

R. K. Batchelor (3 & 1)	1
A. E. Quinn	0
F. E. W. Lammert	0
G. C. Kitching	0
F. Mayes	0
C. E. Watson (7 & 6)	1
	2

In the fourball matches in the afternoon Scotland again won by 4 points to 2:—

Scotland

W. Galloway and R. O. Rutherford (1 up)	2
J. T. Smith and A. T. Lay (6 & 5)	2
J. M. Walker and W. Stratton	0
	4

England

R. K. Batchelor and F. Mayes	0
F. E. W. Lammert and G. C. Kitching	0
A. E. Quinn and C. E. Watson (6 & 4)	2
	2

TENNIS

Stern Struggle in the Open Doubles

C. A. L. Rumjahn and J. M. Cassumbhoy beat H. Owen Hughes and A. D. Humphreys, after a prolonged struggle, in the tennis tournament at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday. The latter pair put up a fine exhibition against admittedly formidable opponents, taking the first two sets, and playing together very well indeed. Rumjahn and his partner then changed their methods, and concentrated upon lobbing, gradually gaining command of the situation.

The full scores were:—C. A. L. Rumjahn and J. A. Cassumbhoy beat H. Owen Hughes and A. D. Humphreys 4-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 7-5.

This was the only game completed in the day's programme, the only other game commenced being a Club Championship tie between D. S. Green and O. Johnson, which had to be stopped owing to bad light, with the players sharing two sets.

To-day's Programme

Open Singles

Ng Sze-kwong v. Ho Ka-lau.
Cheng Chi-wing v. S. A. Rumjahn.

Open Doubles

F. A. Redmond and A. L. Sullivan v. H. Yoshida and T. Yamada.

Club Championship

S. E. Green v. J. A. Summers.

Handicap Singles "A."

L. Forster (owe 15) v. T. J. Price (rec. 4/6).

H. R. Butters (rec. 2/6) v. E. R. Price (rec. 2/6).

Handicap Singles "B."

C. De Bruyn (rec. 4/6) v. A. H. Penn (rec. 3/6).

M. D. Scott (scr.) v. A. F. Judd (scr.).

Handicap Doubles

J. R. Hinton and Dr. C. H. Burton (rec. 15) v. A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer (owe 15).

TEST MATCH IN BRITAIN

Woodfull to Be Captain

FIVE BATSMEN

Australian Outcry at Ryder's Omission

ELEVEN NEWCOMERS

Australia's cricket team to visit Britain this summer in quest of "the Ashes" lost to the M.C.C. team in Australia last year may be styled a team of young adventurers.

Six of the men are under 24 years of age and the average age is under 27.

The first of the five Test matches begins at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, on June 13.

The Australian Cricket Board of Control announced the team to visit England this year as follows:—

* W. M. Woodfull, (Victoria, captain).
V. Y. Richardson (S. Australia, vice-captain).
E. L. A'Beckett (Victoria).
D. G. Bradman (New South Wales).
A. Fairfax (New South Wales).
*C. V. Grimmett (South Australia).
P. M. Hornibrook (Queensland).
A. Hurwood (Queensland).
A. Jackson (New South Wales).
C. W. Walker (South Australia).
A. Kippax (New South Wales).
S. McCabe (New South Wales).
* W. A. Oldfield (New South Wales).
* W. H. Ponsford (New South Wales).
T. Wall (South Australia).

* Has previously played in England.

AVERAGE AGE 27

The ages and occupations of the team are:

W. M. Woodfull (captain), aged 32; a schoolmaster and Bachelor of Arts; neither smokes nor drinks.

V. Y. Richardson (vice-captain), aged 35; a commercial traveller.

W. H. Ponsford, aged 29; a journalist; like Woodfull, neither smokes nor drinks.

W. A. Oldfield (wicket-keeper), aged 32; a sports goods salesman.

A. Jackson, aged 20; a sports goods salesman.

A. F. Kippax, aged 30; a sports goods salesman.

P. M. Hornibrook, aged 30; a dentist.

T. Wall, aged 25; a schoolmaster.

D. G. Bradman, aged 21; a sports goods salesman.

C. V. Grimmett, aged 37; a decorator.

A. G. Fairfax, aged 23; a sports goods salesman.

E. L. A'Beckett, aged 22; a university undergraduate.

S. McCabe, aged 19; an insurance clerk.

A. C. Hurwood is 27 years of age and C. W. Walker 20.

All the team are Australian born.

In the Australian team of 1926, of which the average age was 33, W. Bardsley (then aged 44) was the senior member.

Even the most severe and prejudiced of critics realises how difficult and delicate is the selection of a cricket team to represent a great country. It is not surprising, then, to find that the fifteen players chosen for Australia have not given general satisfaction to Australians themselves.

And even to British eyes the omission of J. S. Ryder comes as a surprise, for he knows British players and British wickets, and, although he was on the losing side, his captaincy in the Test matches against the M.C.C. team in 1928-29 was generally agreed to be sound.

None the less, we may be sure that there was good reason for the selection as captain of W. M. Woodfull.

Woodfull, W. A. Oldfield, W. H. Ponsford, and C. V. Grimmett are the only four of the chosen fifteen that have been seen in Britain; and the claims of youth have been fully recognised.

Several of the team, indeed, are in the early twenties; but the young men of Australia have sometimes proved the big successes of the touring sides in the past.

Clem Hill was only 19 years of age when he first came to America. Victor Trumper, Sydney, and H. Graham had still to reach their twenty-first birthdays when they were considered good enough for Test match cricket.

Value of Dash

Recent events have shown that the fearlessness of youth can be of more value than the caution of age.

The young men of the South African team were the making of their side in Britain last summer.

The Australian team suggests exceptional batting strength, but, judging by the runs scored against the bowlers of the combination on their home wickets this season, the attack is below the old Australian standards.

There are, it is true, bowlers of many styles—the pace of Wall, the googlies of Grimmett, the swing deliveries of several others.

But the Australians themselves have admitted that men of the highest class are absent. No one has that spark of genius which marked Macdonald and Gregory as fast bowlers, nor the guile and personality of Armstrong—to mention only three of those who scared so many British batsmen when Australia last won a Test-match "rubber."

It is because of the limitations of the bowling that the matter of captaincy assumes such big proportions. Subtle manoeuvring is necessary to make the best of bowlers who are not themselves capable of inspiration.

And Woodfull's batting scarcely suggests that he is a man of rich imagination. The Test matches may well be lost and won by captaincy.

But, whether they win or lose, the Australian team are bound to be interesting—no matter their pace of scoring.

There are so many players new to us.

We have heard so much of the big boy cricketers, and the men of distinctly individual styles. Especially we can look forward to seeing Don Bradman, the youth of many boundaries; T. Wall, who hurls the ball down for half a day without tiring; V. Richardson, who has been described as the finest all-round fieldsman of his generation; A. Jackson, of the beautiful style; and A. Kippax, of the many strokes and the dancing feet.

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RACING

(*Continued from Page 5.*)

Happy Valley Handicap—6 Furlongs, "C" Class

Mountain Oak (150 lb.), Sunshine (155), Baby Face (160), Amusement Tax (155), Ullswater (148), Arabian Sea (157), Ah Suen (149), The Ringer (149), Zephyr (163), Pumpkin (157), Billiards (157), Dark Eyes (152), Tighto (153), Blotto (155), Chicot (158), Tomato (147), Movanagher (145), May (145), Martini Cocktail (153), Inca (155), Blue Skies (149), What's Yours (160), Duke of Normandy II (163), Duke of Milan (160), Iron Blood (152), The Jungle Book (145), Four Clubs (148), The Goods (149), Christmas Chimes (148), Christmas Frolic (149), Christmas Belle (140), Ma Kau Siac (144), Carnival Eve (161), Fifty Fifty (151), One Third (150), O-Moon (140), Chivalrous (149), Grand Tattoo Eve (145), Misty Eve 147), African Eve (149), Fair Sport (156), Duke of Chantilly (155).

N.B. If the top weight does not accept, all weights to be raised by 5 lb.

Wanchai Handicap—"B" Class—1¼ Miles

Samaritan (163 lb.), Fanling Stag (148), The Jamaica (149), Tango (160), The Ape (155), King's Falloch (145), Piccy (141), Tonbridge (160), Noukhail (160), Sunning (152), The Pheasant (155), What's Yours (140), Duke fo Normandy II (143), Duke of Milan (140), City Hall (158), Erin's Isle (145), Gay Picador (140), Siamese Shop (146), Piccy (161).

Wanchai Handicap—"A" Class—1¼ Miles

Chesapeake Bay (149 lb.), Peppermint (156) Pickle (153), President Hall (180), Majestic Hall (160), Marquis Hall (150), Imperial Hall (143), Town Hall (140), Lobster Bay (142), The Tiger (148), King's Colour (153), Little Thunder (141),

Our Sports Diary

LOCAL

Football — Thursday — Referees' Association Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Saturday—Shield Competitions (Junior): University v. Navy; Club v. Eastern; S. China "B" v. Kowloon; R.A.M.C. v. Chinese "A"; Chinese "B" v. Recreio, S. China "A" v. St. Joseph's.

March 11—Football Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Cricket — To-day — Inter-Faculty Match, Engineers v. Arts, 2 p.m.

Saturday — League — Division I.: Navy v. University; Division II: Police v. H.K.C.C., I.R.C. v. R.A.O.C.; Friendly—Division I.: C.S.C.C. v. K.C.C.; Division II.: K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C., C.C.C. v. Recreio.

Racing — Saturday — Hong Kong Jockey Club—First Extra Meeting.

Fanling-Hunt — To-day—Hounds Meet, The Kennels, 3.45 p.m.

Tennis — To-day — H.K.C.C. Tournament.

Hockey — To-day — Hockey Club v. H.K.S.R.A., 5 p.m.

Friday—Club v. University II., King's Park, 5 p.m.

Saturday—Kowloon Ladies v. Hong Kong Ladies.

Rifle Shooting—April 20 and 21—Volunteers' annual rifle meeting, Stonecutter's.

HOME

Association Football—March 15—Scotland v. England (Amateurs), Glasgow.

March 22—English Cup Semi-Final Ties.

Rugby Football—March 8—Wales v. Ireland, Swansea.

March 15—England v. Scotland (Calcutta Cup), Twickenham.

March 22—Army v. Royal Air Force, Twickenham.

Racing—March 11—Cheltenham Gold Cup.

March 13—N. H. Handicap Steeplechase, Cheltenham.

March 22—Imperial Cup, Sandown Park.

March 28—Grand National, Liverpool.

March 29—Liverpool Hurdle Race; Champion Steeplechase, Liverpool.

Hockey—March 15—Wales v. England.

March 22—England v. Scotland.

March 29—Ireland v. England.

Athletics—March 22—International Cross-Country Race.

Golf—March 25-26—Oxford v. Cambridge, Hoylake.

Motor Cycling—March 22—Leeds M.C. Open £200 Trial.

Billiards—February 21 to March 29—Amateur Championship, London.

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CANTON MEETING

Results of First Flat Races

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, Yesterday.

On Sunday afternoon was held the first Flat Race meeting to be held here. There were only three races, but all were closely contested and afforded some pleasant excitement. It was more in the nature of 'hunt' races, there being a Heavy-weight Race and a Light-weight Race, besides the race of the afternoon, the Canton Derby.

Dr. Credner's "Doubtful," ridden by Mr. W. Dohse, was the most successful pony, winning both the "Heavyweights" and the "Derby" in good time.

There was an exceptionally good attendance, and an especially great concourse of Chinese flocked out to witness the racing, which augurs well for future meetings.

Results:—

Heavyweight Handicap

One mile. For ponies which have been regularly ridden in Canton for a period of not less than two weeks prior to this meeting.

13 hand ponies to carry a minimum weight of not less than 165 lb. with 5 lb. added for each inch over.

Overweight riders to be allowed a start of 5 yards per lb. over (maximum start 50 yards).

1st prize, Cup, presented by Mr. G. Hardt.

2nd prize, Cup, presented by Mr. M. Gavin.

Dr. Credner's Doubtful	(Mr. W. Dohse)	1
King	(Owner)	2
Mr. R. T. Crowe's Maori	(Miss E. Christensen)	3
Mr. Wm. Janssen's Caligula	(Owner)	0
Capt. N. R. Bjuke's Solitaire	(Owner)	0

Miss Clare Hayward's Silver

Lightweight Handicap

One mile. For ponies which have been regularly ridden in Canton for a period of not less than two weeks prior to this meeting.

13 hand ponies to carry not less than 145 lb. with 5 lb. added for each inch over.

Overweight riders to be allowed a start of 5 yards per lb. over (maximum start 50 yards).

1st prize, Cup, presented by Dr. Credner.

2nd prize, Cup, presented by Mr. W. Dohse.

Mr. M. Gavin's Bless	(Owner)	1
Mr. K. Neckelman's Brand	(Owner)	2
Mr. J. H. Ferguson's King Constantine	(Owner)	3
Mr. F. Walek's Zircon II.	(Owner)	0
Mr. W. Galloway's Fiji	(Mr. R. T. Crowe)	0
Mr. G. Hardt's Westlake	(Owner)	0

"Canton Derby"

One mile. For ponies which have started in one of the previous races at this meeting. Catch weights.

1st prize, Blue Riband and Cup, presented by Mrs. R. T. Crowe.

2nd prize, Cup, presented by Mrs. J. H. Ferguson.

Dr. Credner's Doubtful	(Mr. Wm. Dohse)	1
Mr. K. Neckelman's Brand	(Owner)	2
Mr. G. Hardt's Westlake	(Owner)	3
Mr. Wm. Janssen's Caligula	(Owner)	0
Capt. N. R. Bjuke's Solitaire	(Owner)	0
Miss Clare Hayward's Silver King	(Owner)	0
Mr. R. T. Crowe's Maori	(Miss E. Christensen)	0
Mr. F. Walek's Zircon II.	(Owner)	0
Mr. M. Gavin's Bless	(Owner)	0
Mr. W. Galloway's Fiji	(Mr. R. T. Crowe)	0
Mr. J. H. Ferguson's King Constantine	(Owner)	0

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BRINGING UP FATHER

THE TEST MATCH

(*Continued from Page 9.*)

Sir F. Toone's View

Sir Frederick Toone, the Yorkshire County secretary and manager of the last three England teams to visit Australia, pronounced the team: "A very good side indeed, capable of putting up a fine fight for the Ashes. I know most of the selected players, and I cannot recollect a more powerful side in batting. They will be exceptionally good in fielding too, and I imagine their bowling will probably be the weak point.

"The Australian selectors, in my judgment, are right in putting their faith in young players. Woodfull is a splendid fellow, who will do his job well. The side will have a good welcome here, and a season of exceptional interest is promised. I think England will prove to have just the better side."

Storm of Protest

Ryder's exclusion from the team provided Melbourne, his home town, with the sole topic of conversation.

Indignation is expressed on all sides. It was always considered that in view of his form in the Tests last year, Ryder was a certainty for the captaincy.

Apart from Ryder, the team is widely commended, it being considered to be very strong in batting, sound in fielding, and well varied in attack.

There is a chorus of protest from many other quarters on the dropping of Ryder. The Sydney Morning Herald calls it a "blunder." The Sydney Sun says: "Ryder went to the wickets on Wednesday in the Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales in the full knowledge that he had been forced to be a party to his relegations, not only as Australia's captain but as a member of the team. Yet, for all this, he played a really great innings, playing his usual dashing game and gave not an inkling to the spectators that he had been shelved."

Ryder's case can hardly have any parallel in the administrative side of cricket. He was obviously a disappointed man when he left for Brisbane on Wednesday, but, if he has lost the confidence of the selectors and the Board of Control, he has won warm-hearted sympathy from a host of people.

Larger Wickets

The Australian Cricket Board of Control have considered the request of the M.C.C. that the larger wickets should be used during the Australian tour in matches against the counties and—should the players be favourably impressed — during the Tests. The Board of Control, however, have expressed themselves as not in favour of the use of the larger wickets during the earlier stages of the tour or in the Test matches, but are prepared to permit their use in County matches after the last Test.

The Board of Control have also decided to recommend the State Associations to give the larger wickets and new lbw rule a trial with a view to their adoption in Australia.

Australia's Best

R. H. Bettington, The Old Oxford Captain and Middlesex Cricketer writes:

The only criticism I would offer of Woodfull's selection as the Australian captain is that, as Woodfull is highly strung, responsibility may affect his batting. The new captain should prove careful, intelligent, and sound, though possibly without brilliance. Richardson would be a more inspiring leader, though perhaps less solid and thoughtful.

Ryder's omission caused a great outcry in Victoria. Supposedly good judges there talk of inter-State jealousy and express surprise that Victoria had any man picked at all. Most critics sympathise with Ryder, but realise that his fellow selectors considered the matter thoroughly and believe that they acted rightly.

I do not think a stronger team could have been picked. The fielding should prove vastly superior to that of last year's side. Hornibrook, Hurwood, and Jackson are all fair slip fieldsmen, and Richardson is brilliant there, if required. He is magnificent anywhere, and will be the general utility man.

A'Beckett and McCabe are excellent fields on the offside. Woodfull, Grimmett and Kippax are safe, but very quick. Bradman is fast in the outfield and throws well. Ponsford is slow, but usually safe. Jackson plays well in the outfield if necessary.

Wall and Fairfax are the only men at all weak in the field, but both have good hands.

The batting array, with Jackson, Woodfull, Bradman, Kippax, Richardson, and Ponsford, appears safe.

The new men should do well. The all-rounders McCabe, A'Beckett, and Fairfax consolidate the side.

Bowling is the doubtful quality. Hornibrook, Fairfax, A'Beckett, and Grimmett will probably prove most successful. The inclusion of Hurwood is a gamble which may prove surprisingly successful, though he is not a great fast bowler.

So many of the men are new to England that I hesitate to forecast the outcome.

Tour Alterations

The Australian Board of Control approved several alterations in the itinerary of the England tour (says Reuter). The match with Gloucestershire will be played at Bristol instead of at Cheltenham, and the game with Somerset at Taunton is given three days instead of two. The board have left to the executive the decision as to whether the proposed match with Wales shall take place.

PLAYERS' PAST FORM

Their Test Averages

The following averages show how the selected players fared in the Test matches in Australia in 1928-29 season:—

Batting

	Inns.	Total Runs	Highest Score	Times Not Out	Aver.
A. Jackson	4	276	164	0	63.00
D. J. Bradman	8	468	123	1	66.85
A. Fairfax	1	65	65	0	65.00
W. M. Woodfull	10	491	111	1	54.55
A. Kippax	10	311	100	0	31.10
E. A'Beckett	4	104	41	0	26.00
P. M. Hornibrook	2	44	26	0	22.00
W. A. Oldfield	10	159	48	2	19.87
C. V. Grimmett	9	95	38*	3	15.83
T. Wall	1	9	9	0	9.00
V. Y. Richardson	4	35	27	0	8.75
W. H. Ponsford	3	13	6	1	6.50

* Signifies not out.

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
T. Wall	75	13	189	8	23.62
C. V. Grimmett	398.2	95	1,024	23	44.52
P. M. Hornibrook	67	13	193	4	48.25
A. Fairfax	34	4	104	2	52.00
E. A'Beckett	117	29	216	2	108.00
A. F. Kippax	10	4	16	0	

AVERAGES IN 1929-30

Batting

	Inns.	Total Runs	Highest Score	Times Not Out	Aver.
D. G. Bradman	13	1400	452*	2	107.7
A. Jackson	9	607	182	1	67.44
W. M. Woodfull	5	181	100*	2	60.33
A. F. Kippax	10	560	170	0	56.00
S. McCabe	13	695	90	1	53.46
R. K. Oxenham	8	293	117	2	49.66
V. Y. Richardson	12	573	126	0	47.75
W. H. Ponsford	11	439	131	0	39.10
A. G. Fairfax	14	356	49	1	25.43
E. L. a'Beckett	6	121	56	1	24.20
C. V. Grimmett	15	250	53	1	20.83
A. Hurwood	9	127	51	0	14.11
P. M. Hornibrook	7	62	24	2	12.40
T. Wall	11	63	33*	5	10.50
C. W. Walker	13	114	33*	2	10.50
W. A. Oldfield	3	13	7	0	1.85

* Signifies not out.

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
E. L. A'Beckett	115.4	20	264	16	16.50
R. K. Oxenham	179.3	48	450	24	18.75
A. Hurwood	207.1	36	685	35	19.55
P. M. Hornibrook	153	32	477	19	25.10
C. V. Grimmett	341.4	37	1438	52	27.65
S. McCabe	120.1	21	450	15	30.00
T. Wall	163	10	729	19	38.36
A. F. Kippax	8	2	33	0	—

Veterans' Opinions

Three prominent New South Wales veterans of Australian cricket regard the selection of the Test team favourably.

M. A. Noble said: "I am disappointed about Ryder, but the team is first-class. All the same, an experience of British wickets will make these promising young men great cricketing assets to Australia."

H. H. Massie expressed his surprise at the exclusion of Ryder, but said there was no doubt a good reason for his omission. He also states he would have liked to have seen A. Allsopp, the young New South Wales player, included in the team.

T. W. Garrett said that the side was a good one and expressed regret at the non-inclusion of Allsopp.

H.K. STEAMBOAT CO. AFFAIRS

(*Continued from Page 2.*)

in hire money should additional outside steamers come on the Company's trading routes other than those vessels at present operating thereon, and after making as favourable an allowance for this in the case of the new tenderer, as is reasonably possible, his offer would yield a smaller return to the Company than that of our present contractors.

Unnecessary Competition

Your Directors have, however, further and even stronger reasons for recommending a continuance of friendly co-operation with the farming syndicate who have carried out the work most efficiently and have honourably discharged all their obligations to the Company for a period of 11 years and whose organisation, which has served the Company so well, could also, and under changed circumstances undoubtedly would, be a factor resulting in unnecessary competition. The Board are criticised for employing Farmers who control a considerable fleet of steamers themselves, but this is one of the facts which makes co-operation with this Syndicate of value to the Company.

By this means a number of vessels which would otherwise be free to trade between Hong Kong and Canton are kept off the berth, and two at least of these were actually purchased by the Syndicate in order to ensure her removal from the Canton River.

Other Benefits

Other benefits derived from association with this organisation are that they own a Wharf in Hong Kong, three in Canton and two in Macao, which means that these wharves are not available to outside steamers, and the Syndicate further has an arrangement with two other Companies with regard to their Wharves. During the 11 years of co-operation between the Company and the syndicate, the latter have on several occasions made arrangements with outside steamers with regard to their spheres of operation, in order that rates on the Canton and Macao lines might be maintained at a fair level and the trades might yield a moderate margin of profit.

Rate War Inevitable

You will appreciate that were the Company now either to revert to the practice of operating the Chinese freight and passenger business themselves, without adequate safeguards, which system has been proved uneconomical, or were they to hand this business over to some other party, they would lose all the benefits I have just enumerated and the Company, either alone or with the assistance of the new farmer, would have to meet the competition not only of new comers on the River but that of the present contractors' organisation as well. The Board are convinced that a rate war would be inevitable, and heavy losses for an indefinite period would be incurred. It has been suggested that these losses would be borne by the new Farmer, but the suggestion can hardly be taken seriously.

As soon as the strain became severe, he would naturally forfeit his security and the Company would then have to choose between the continuance of this competition, or, if it were then possible, come to some agreement with other lines similar to that which we have at present.

Foreign Business

Furthermore we must bear in mind the effect of open competition on our foreign freight and passenger business which is no concern of the farmers at all and the whole loss in this respect would fall on the Company. Judging by past experience the loss in foreign freight and passage money would probably amount to about $20,000 per month.

The Company has worked in friendly co-operation with the China Navigation Co., Ltd., for the last 51 years and the farming agreement embraces their steamer Fatshan, as well as the Kinshan, in which steamer they are interested as part owners, and is a joint contract, signed by both Companies. Messrs. Butterfield & Swire have informed the Board that they are of the opinion that departure from the present policy would be a grave mistake, and that if the decision of the Directors arrived at after the fullest consideration, to renew the agreement with the present farming syndicate on the best terms possible is not confirmed, they will entertain other farming arrangements themselves. This would create an unworkable position and might lead to the severance of the friendly mutual relations which have existed for so many years.

Progressive Improvement

Conducted on present lines there are prospects of steady progress for the Company. With economies in working which have recently been planned, and the advantage of increased rates of hire money offered by the present farming syndicate there is every assurance that there will be progressive improvement in results during the next three years under normal working conditions, and provided there are no further strikes or boycotts.

It is the carefully considered opinion of your Directors that the only sound progressive policy open to this Company at the present time is to work for still closer co-operation with the principal established interests on the Canton River.

"Suicidal"

I have said enough, I think, to convince anyone with an open mind that the policy advocated by the requisitionists of this meeting would be nothing less than suicidal for the Company under present conditions. While the wishes of holders of so large a number of shares, as expressed by the conveners of the meeting, have been considered and discussed in every reasonable way possible, it must be borne in mind that the Board are representative of the whole body of shareholders and that they have, by that same representation, close knowledge and experience of what they consider best in the interests of the Company, and they look upon the proposals which have been made as threatening the successful continuance of the Company, and have no choice therefore but to treat these proposals with the most definite and explicit opposition which it is in their power to offer.

The requisitionists have put forward a very plausible case, but unless shareholders wish to see the Company broken up, I hope they will vote against the resolution.

B. & S.'s Views

Mr. T. H. R. Shaw said:—

I should like to explain the China Navigation Co.'s views with regard to this matter. We have been closely associated with the Steamboat Co. for a number of years, during which we have consulted freely together on all questions affecting our mutual interests.

The present policy of farming by contract the Chinese Freight and passenger earnings of the steamers is the result of careful consideration and agreement between the Steamboat Co.'s Directors and ourselves, and it is the outcome of experiences in other directions which definitely proved to be unremunerative. As the Chairman has pointed out, since the inception of existing arrangements earnings have steadily improved and stable conditions have been maintained. The present holder of the contract is our Shipping Compradore, and although we have no financial or other interest in it whatsoever, nor in any of the steamers with which he is concerned, we do know that it is a good tender in relation to the responsibilities and guarantees connected with it, and we consider it would be a grave mistake to commit the Company to other arrangements which did not protect these assurances.

Both the Steamboat Company and ourselves are ready to consider what arrangements are best for the interests of the joint services, and with that object when the proposal was put before the Directors that alternative arrangements to the present contract should be considered, we agreed that they should be fully investigated so as to ascertain whether such proposals would be of real benefit to the Company.

I understand that the differences between the tenders are small; but apart from the actual figures I must emphasise that factors such as arrangements with potential competing steamers and other guarantees are of equal, if not more, importance to the stable and successful running of the services. Our view is that the aim should be to maintain the Steamboat Co.'s and our own services so that, without encouraging ruinous competition, they hold their established place in the trade on a good earning basis. The Steamboat Co. have that place now, and it is proved that existing arrangements assure it to an extent which we do not consider, after the fullest investigation, can be secured by the new proposals, and we therefore strongly support the decision of the Directors.

Mr. Lander's Speech

Mr. Paul Lander in asking the meeting to vote against the resolution said:—

As a shareholder I duly received the Memorandum dated February 20 issued by Sir Robert Ho Tung and I have taken the opportunity of discussing the resolution contained in this memorandum with several of the Company's Directors and in order to assist us in coming to a decision upon the points at issue I would like briefly to give you my views.

I do not know if the profits Mr. Woo has made from his contract with this Company have enabled him to found the Tung On Steamship Company but I am confident that what our Chairman has told us in respect of the Tung On Steamship Company is correct and that had this Company not been founded there would have been other and more serious competition on the River. Further at that time our Company was not in a position to build or purchase new tonnage and the advent of the Tung On Steamship Company which kept competition in friendly hands was to the benefit and not to the detriment of our Company.

You will observe that our Company prior to the inauguration of the farming system was not very successful but since it commenced this system good dividends in normal years have been paid. Considering the times, the Report that has just been issued is a good one, and the dividend paid is satisfactory and an increase upon that paid last year.

It seems to me that if you carry this Resolution you must certainly incur increased competition from the Tung On Steamship Company and I believe your action may be the means of introducing other competition on the River. You will realise also that if you carry this Resolution you will indicate that you have not confidence in the policy laid down by your Directors. I would point out that two members of your Board are thoroughly acquainted with the Shipping business, holding prominent positions in Shipping circles, and I am sure you will agree that none of your Directors are actuated by any other motive than what they consider to be in the best interests of our Company. They are men of established reputation and good judgment and I think it will be a grave error on our part if we take a course contrary to the policy laid down by them. Provided the present policy of the Company is continued the prospects are reasonably good and I would most strongly urge you to vote against the Resolution.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga also spoke in favour of the motion, and prefacing his speech (reported in full in the *China Mail* yesterday) he reminded the Chairman of Tennyson's words "men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever." Mr. Braga added that men came and went, but Sir Robert Ho Tung had gone on for the past 15 years, and whose position in the Colnoy was second to none.

"Angel's" Ulterior Motives

Supporting the resolution, Mr. M. K. Lo stated that he had not expected to speak on the matter of the resolution again. However, since the Chairman had dwelt upon the benefits derived by the Company from the present system of farming out Chinese passenger and freight business, a few remarks upon the question might be apposite.

After briefly reviewing the events leading up to the resolution by Sir Robert Ho Tung and his associates, Mr. Lo pointed out that great stress had been laid upon the results that had accrued since the present farming system had been adopted. It had been, in effect, said, "Look at the results before, and look at them now." What were the real facts, and what the real cause? Was it not the plain truth that in previous years, before the farming system, there had been insufficient supervision. (Loud applause).

No Personal Animosity

Mr. Lo, continuing, claimed that in previous years the Company had been systematically robbed of freight earnings.

Reverting to the farming question, and laying great emphasis upon the fact that he himself was in no sense personally antagonistic to the present farmer, Mr. Lo went on to ask the meeting whether they considered that the Chairman's description really had convinced them that the farmer was "an angel from Heaven." (Laughter).

Mr. Lo caused more laughter with a remark that "from year to year, the farmer does nothing else but help the Company. "He (the speaker), however, would voice the opinion that the farmer was making a "darn good thing out of it." (Applause).

The speaker went on to criticise the method in which the present tender had been made. There was a provision made by which in the events of the Venezia coming on the run, amendments should be made. The farmer had said, in effect, "If the Venezia comes on the run, I won't be the farmer any longer."

He wished the whole facts of the matter to come before the meeting, added Mr. Lo, who wound up his appeal for support and won applause by saying:—"Is it sense, is it reason, for a man to act in such an angelic manner," (referring to the farmer's services as previously described by the Chairman).

Those present were (Directors): C. Gordon S. Mackie (Chairman), J. H. Little, R. K. Batchelor, J. M. Alves, R. E. Coxon and J. P. Warren, John Arnold (Secretary), Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (Solicitor). Shareholders: J. P. Braga, J. D. Bush, C. B. Brown, Chan Chow, Chau Ki, Cheng Ching-po, S. M. Churn, N. V. A. Croucher, J. D. Danby, R. A. Dastur, En Lung-tse, W. E. Van Eps, M. Fernandez, John Fleming, W. M. Gittins, L. S. Greenhill, Ho Po-sang, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Ho Kom-tong, Ho Wing, Kwan Yau-kwong, R. J. Lacon, Lai Fong, Paul Lauder, Li Tse-fong, Lo Man-hin, Lo Man-kam, H. Lo, Lo Man-wai, Lo Sheung-shiu, Lo Kai-hong, Lo Man-pan, Luk Pak-to, Mok Wing-u, F. E. d'A. Remedios, T. H. R. Shaw, E. S. Smith, H. Seth, She Chun-sun, Sek Lai-wong, P. M. N. da Silva, Soo Pui-chen, Tai Tung-pui, Tang Ching, Tong Hau-man, Wong Ping-sun.

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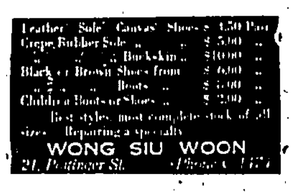
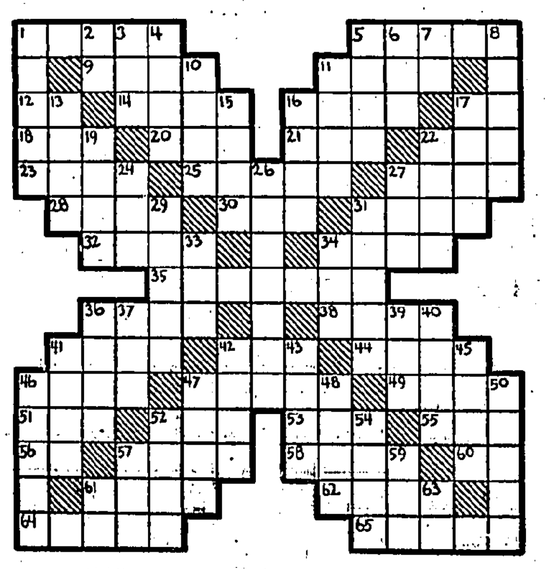


DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1-Feeling of listless weariness
5-A social class of India
9-A river of Tuscany
11-A precious metal
12-Nickel (abbr.)
14-Terminates
16-Native land
17-Country of Europe (abbr.)
18-Entomology (abbr.)
20-Drunkard
21-Measure of weight
22-Small bed
23-A dull pain
25-Graded
27-Inter
28-Greek queen of the gods
30-A large variety of sweet potato
31-Deep mud
32-To clinch, as a bargain
34-Await
35-Mournful
36-The daily fare
38-Proof
41-Expired
42-An article of furniture
44-Shortly
46-Wither
47-Presaged good or evil

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

49-A pond
51-Cooking utensil
52-Combining form. Whole
53-Before
55-A game of cards
56-Conjunction
57-Take part of
58-Terrible
60-A denial
61-Neat
62-A fish
64-A sudden flood of the tide in an estuary
65-Peasants

VERTICAL

1-Combining form. Nine
2-A continent (abbr.)
3-Ending of nouns denoting action
4-Small hotels
5-To originate, as a word
6-Wholly
7-N. Central State of U. S. (abbr.)
8-Vagant
10-Scent
11-Competent
13-A measure of length
15-To remain
19-A stalk
37-Touchy

VERTICAL (Cont.)

19-For that reason
22-Heal
24-An epoch
26-Made smaller toward the end
27-Order
29-Assisted
31-A measure of distance (pl.)
33-Nephew of Abraham (Bib.)
34-A verbal objection
38-Poetic form of Diana
37-Termination of nouns denoting vocation
39-To soak in a liquid
40-Instrument
41-Precious
42-The trunk of a tree
43-Act
45-The middle of the day
46-Part of wagon wheel
47-A person
48-Fall in drops
50-Curyes
52-Conceal
54-Goddess of discord (Gr. Myth.)
57-Title of respect
59-Piece out
61-Type genus (abbr.)
63-Comparative ending of adjectives

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

BELIEF IN GOD

Causes of Atheism and Non-Belief

FALLACIOUS DOCTRINES

In a lecture to the Theosophical Society, Hong Kong Lodge, Mr. E. H. Othen said, in part:—

Modern civilisation is concerned principally with the rush and bustle, the necessities, and the amusements, of this physical life. Hence, perhaps, the prevalence of the idea that a belief in God, or anything of a spiritual nature, is evidence of a second rate intellect and/or an over-developed emotional system. This attitude of mind is expressed in three ways, firstly as *atheism*, which is a total disbelief in God or anything of a spiritual nature; secondly, as *agnosticism* which is the belief that humanity is too microscopic, too unintelligent, to know whether thee *is* or *is not* a God; thirdly, "*butterflyism.*" which is evidenced by a persistent refusal to think about anything whatever except "having a good time" as the phrase goes. Time, and a few "hard knocks," are the best cures for this latter attitude of mind, but the sufferer from atheism or agnosticism is oftimes a genuine seeker after truth who has temporarily "gone off the rails" so to speak.

"Sensism"

The commonest cause of the denial of the reality of God is what may best be termed "sensism"—the belief that all human knowledge originates from, and is bounded by, the senses. The argument is that, since the senses cannot "see" therefore he does not exist—or if He does exist, there is no way of proving Him to the human intelligence. Sensism leads inevitably to materialism, for since the senses can contact only material objects (i.e., matter), it would necessarily follow that matter is the first cause of all knowledge.

That the doctrines of sensism and materialism are fallacious may be proved to the unprejudiced mind in two ways, one practical, the other by reasoning. The practical demonstration is the work of the Psychical Research Societies and of the various Spiritualistic organisations. Psychical research does not, of course, attempt to prove the reality of God—that is beyond its scope—but it has undoubtedly demonstrated that there is some kind of existence after death, and that thought can be transmitted from one mind to the other without the aid of the known sense channels. I do not claim that all that is taught in the name of Spiritualism is true—much less than "all" is necessary to undermine the dogma of materialism.

Definition of Matter

The fallacy of the materialistic conception of the Universe is, I think, capable of being proved by reason somewhat along the following lines. Matter, it is said, is Everything That Is—all that we know as human consciousness, thought, emotion, and so on, arise out of matter. Moreover they must receive their power to arise out of matter from matter itself. This is tantamount to saying that matter has power to act of itself. Against this we can point out that it has been the universal observation of all humanity that matter is passive—it is that which is acted upon, having no power to act of itself alone. Hence, if all things arise from, and return to, matter, the power which enables them to do so must necessarily come from a source outside matter. This power (active cause) is what most of us mean by "God."

Another common cause of atheism and agnosticism is to be found in a form of philosophy sometimes known as "empiricism." Empiricism, in a nutshell, is the theory that all human knowledge is the result of experience. If this theory were true, it would be impossible to know directly anything not of the physical universe —consequently the abstract and spiritual would forever remain unknown, a conclusion which few of us would be willing to accept as final.

What Memory Is

I think that all will agree that experience depends on memory, for without a remembrance of previous acts, every act would be a new trial—hence there would be no "experience." Memory, therefore, exists *before* experience. Memory is the power of forming a mental image or idea of something previously known or observed. This indicates that some kind of knowledge or understanding also comes before experience.

The knowledge or understanding which exists prior to experience is not, of course, of that concrete kind which deals with the affairs of mundane life. Rather does it consist of innate ideas, or intuitions, of such abstract (but, nevertheless, very real) principles as "goodness," "truth," "beauty," and so on. Using these innate ideas, either consciously or unconsciously, as a basis, the average individual can, and does, arrive at a certain understanding and so on. Using these innate creatures, which he would never attain solely by experience.

Leading To Scepticism

The denial of the existence of these innate ideas is another prolific cause of agnosticism, leading, as it does, to scepticism regarding the truth and reality of first principles. This denial is largely due to a misunderstanding of the real nature of Ideas, as well as of the manner in which they are said to be innate. An idea, in the philosophical sense, is "a perception of an intelligible principle of Truth and Reality"—such as the idea of Unity, or the idea of Being, or the idea of "Truth." That such ideas are innate in the human mind does not necessarily mean that the mind is fully conscious of them. They may be in the "subconscious," so to speak, in which case they exist only potentially until "educed" (drawn out) by the operation of reason.

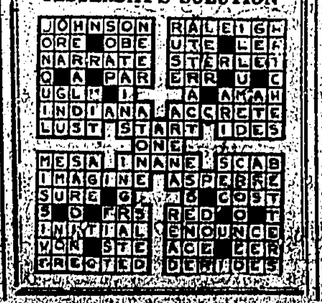
Still another great cause of atheism and non-belief in the reality of God may be found in the teaching that the conclusions of reason are arbitrary, inadequate, and even contradictory. This point of view, is difficult to combat, for how can one reason with a man who does not believe in reason? The cause of the trouble, I suggest, is in a mistake common to us all at times. We so often forget that the value of reason is determined by the truth or falsity of the foundation on which it is built. If the basic assumption is incorrect, the most accurate chain of reasoning leads to a false conclusion. Given a true and sound basis on which to start, reason leads inevitably to right conclusions, provided it be rightly exercised. Such a basis, I would suggest, is to be found only in those self evident first principles to which I have referred.

Necessity Of First Principles

The notion is very prevalent that first principles are abstract, hazy, sort of things—theories invented by religious minded people in order to bolster up their conception of a beneficent Supreme Being. Not at all. The absolute necessity of first principles becomes self-evident if we consider the effects of any attempt to deny them completely, or dispense with them entirely. For example, suppose it is denied that there is such a thing as Absolute Truth, the statement being that all truth is relative. This claim introduces a contradiction in terms, for the recognition of relative truth presupposes the idea of Absolute Truth. Moreover every sane mind can conceive the idea of unity beyond duality, and therefore can have the idea—if not the consciousness—of Absolute Truth beyond relative truth. Again, it is impossible to think the negation of all truth, or to think there is no truth, for the mind cannot think of "no truth" without implicitly recognising the idea or notion of "truth." Hence the mind inherently possesses the idea of truth; consequently truth can be known by the mind, and all real thought is self-evident proof of the fact.

In some such manner as the foregoing may the demonstrated the reality and the certitude of all First Principles, which themselves are attributes of that ultimate First Principle of all Principles which we call "God."

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



CANTON'S WAR

'Planes Active on the West River

WARNING TO CIVILIANS

Canton, Monday.

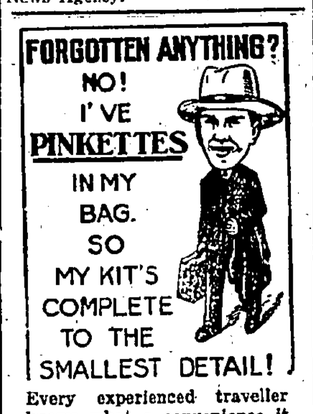
To avoid unnecessary destruction to the civilians from bombs dropped down by 'planes, General Chan Chai-tong and Yui Woon-yim have jointly sent out a proclamation to the populace on the upper West River districts, warning them to move away on the arrival of rebels.

According to intelligence from the Aviation Department in Nanking, the 'planes Kinning and Chengtu will shortly be sent to the South to assist in the campaign against the Ironsides and Kwangsi-ites.

Disposition of Troops

With the cessation of war activities, the dispositions of the 6th and 8th Route Army are now reported as follows:

General Tsoi Ting-kai of the 60th Division along Shumchi and Paklau; General Yu Hon-mou of the 59th Division along Tengyuan and Taiwu; General Chiang Kwong-nei of the 61st Division along Yungyuan; General Li Yang-king of the 63rd Division along Mungkong; General Heung Hon-ping of the 62nd Division along Wuchow and Yunghu; General Mao Peng-wen of the 8th Division at Wuchow; General Tan Tao-yuan of the 50th Division along Tungan and Hoichien, the east of Kwangsi-Kwangtung border; General Hau Hoicheung of the 3rd Independent Brigade may be despatched to Loting from Wuchow, and Colonel Chang Chi-ying along the southern section of Kwangtung. — Canton News Agency.



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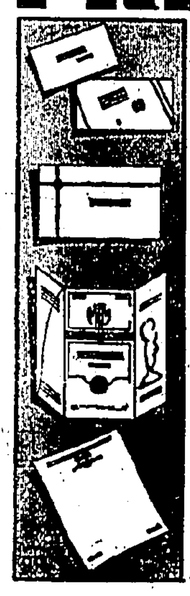

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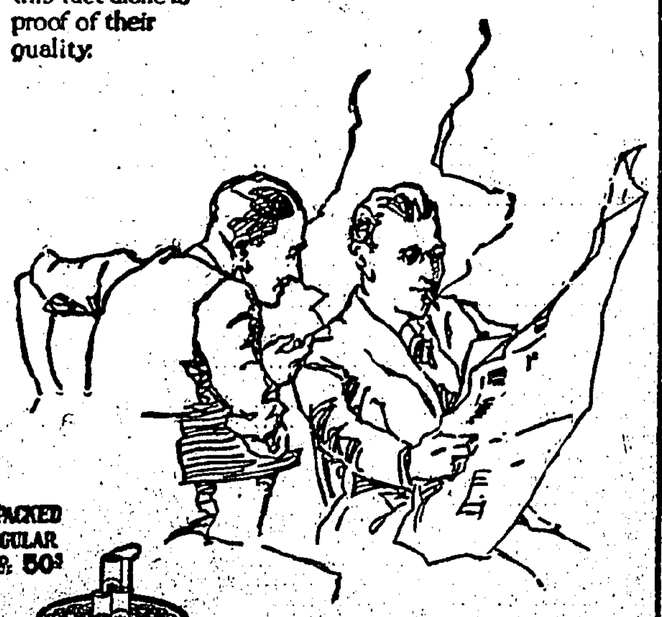

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5.	
Shanghai and Swatow	Sin Kwong
Japan	Sydney Maru
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FRIDAY, MARCH 7.	
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, February 15)	Haruna Maru
Japan and Shanghai	Kashmir
SUNDAY, MARCH 9.	
Manila	President Pierce
Canada (Victoria, B.C., Feb. 15), U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Canada (Ship due on March 9, 5 p.m.)
MONDAY, MARCH 10.	
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OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	
WEDNESDAY MARCH 5.		
Manila	Michigan	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Nanning	3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	4 p.m.
Haiphong	G. G. Malin	4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Brisbane	Sydney Maru (Due Brisbane, March 22.) Registration	Mar. 5, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Bangkok	Hermod	5 p.m.
Amoy	Tjisondari	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Sumatra Registration	Mar. 5, 5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 6.		
Bangkok via Hoihow	Bintang	8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., (except San Francisco and California), *C. & *S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Protesilaus (Due Victoria, B.C., April 1.) Registration	Mar. 6, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Ichang	5 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 7.		
Wei Hai Wei via Swatow	Kuichow	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	1 p.m.
Shanghai, Dairy and *Europe via Shanghai	Mausang	1.30 p.m.
Saigon	Telemachus	2.30 p.m.

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NAVAL PARLEY

Chinese Admiral in France

DELEGATES MEET AGAIN

Paris, Yesterday.

The Air Minister received the Chinese Naval Mission to-day, headed by Admiral Tu.—Havas.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The leader of the United States delegation to the London Naval Conference was unable to attend this morning's meeting of the heads of the delegations, as he is confined with a cold to his house at Stanmore. His place was taken by Mr. Hugh Gibson. The French Ambassador, in the absence of the French delegation, attended the meeting.

A communique states that the meeting of the First Committee of the Conference will be held on Thursday next to consider the report already submitted to them by their Expert Sub-committee. The heads of the delegations will meet on Friday next.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News

London, Yesterday.

There are signs of the reawakening of the Naval Conference to full life. To-day beautiful spring-like weather has encouraged a feeling of optimism. The delegations in a communique refer to the activities of the near future, stating that the heads of the delegations have met and arranged a meeting of the First Committee on Thursday, to consider the report of the expert sub-committee.

It is hoped the French will be able officially to attend Thursday's meeting.

The experts who have reported on the method of ascertaining tonnage will begin to-morrow a consideration of submarines.—Reuter.

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INDIANS IN AFRICA

New Delhi, Yesterday.

The Right Hon. W. Srinivasa Sastri, whom the Indian Government appointed to enquire into the conditions of Indians in East Africa, has reported that he is hoping that the Labour Government will make clear the statement of policy assigning to the Indian population the status of equal partnership with Europeans, and urges that the Indian Government press for a franchise common to all races, and demand the adequate representation of Indians in the Kenya Council. He says that the conditions of Indians in Tanganyika and Uganda are somewhat better, but improvement of their condition is also necessary.—Reuter.

THE WELSH WIZARD TRIUMPHS

LIBERALS PLEDGE TO WORK IN HARMONY

CONFIDENCE IN "L. G."

London, Yesterday.

There were smiles on the faces of all the participants at a meeting of the Liberal Parliamentary Party in the House of Commons as they filed out after four hours' successful efforts to compose their differences. A resolution of confidence was passed in Mr. Lloyd George and Sir Robert Hutchinson, who withdrew his resignation. Every member personally pledged himself to work in harmonious co-operation.—Reuter.

PETROL REDUCTION

U.S. Curtailment Plan Condemned

"IMPRACTICABLE"

Washington, Yesterday.

The Federal Oil Conservation Board, composed of four members of the Cabinet, has suggested the curtailment of petrol production and the operation of refineries six days weekly instead of seven, and has called on the Governors of the three principal oil producing States, Texas, Oklahoma, and California, to point out to the industry the danger of waste owing to increasing petrol stocks, which are higher than since 1927.

M. Jacob, (France), President of the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation, declares that the suggestion is impracticable, as refiners cannot shut down for one day without great losses. The only way to curb petrol production is to reduce daily the crude oil charge to the stills.—Reuter's American Service.

TROUBLE IN FUKIEN

Dismissal of Six Officials

Canton, Yesterday.

With regard to the political trouble in Fukien, the Central Government has telegraphically approved the dismissal of Lim Chi-yuen and six officials under detention from their respective posts, pending further action, while the officers, who had taken part in the plot against the authorities, are to be dealt with by their generals.

In a telegram addressed to President Chiang Kai-shek, General Lu Hsin-peng, of the 2nd Fukien Division, declared that Yen Hsi-shan's cable, dated February 23, included his name without his consent.

Hupeh Situation

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Acting under the instructions of the Field H.Q. at Hankow, General Fan Shih-seng will take over the garrison duty of the northern section of Hupeh, with Li Wen-hin and Lo Sin's troops under his direct control.

Troop Movements

Tsingtao, Yesterday.

The 190th Brigade stationed at Tsingtao will shortly be transferred to Anhwei, leaving Vice-Admiral Ling Shao with his marines to maintain peace and order there.—Canton News Agency.

NEW AIR SERVICE

Between China and Japan

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Aviation Department has sanctioned 'planes flying between China and Japan, for 12 trips, starting from Fukkang (Chinese translation), Japan, and landing at Shanghai, between March 5 and 8.—Canton News Agency.

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